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REBELS CAPTURE BRITISH BATTALION

Battlefield Strewn With Dead

ENTRY INTO TARRAGONA: LERIDA THREATENED

Republican Militiamen Cross Frontier & Take Refuge In France

BURGOS, April 1.

Insurgents this evening entered Tarragona province near Caseras, according to an official claim, stating that an entire battalion of the International Brigade were captured all of whom are British including the Commander.—Reuter.

A Salamanca cable states:

CAPTAIN AND SIXTY BRITISH MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL BRIGADE WERE AMONG THE PRISONERS TAKEN WHEN NATIONALISTS CAPTURED THE VILLAGES OF CALACEITE AND TORREDELCOMPTE, STATES A COMMUNIQUE.

ACROSS THE PYRENEES

LUCHON (HAUTEGARONNE).—Four-thousand Republican Militiamen are estimated to have crossed the Pyrenees and taken refuge in France since early yesterday, apart from hundreds of women, children and old men.

FALL OF LERIDA IMMINENT

SARAGOSSA, April 1.

After fighting their way through a ring of defences two miles deep over a battlefield strewn with the dead.

Nationalist troops are now reported to be half a mile from Lerida.

The fall of the City is declared imminent. The whole Nationalist Army is waiting to celebrate the victory.

The Government defence is described as powerful, and as a desperate bid to hold out in the hope of reinforcements arriving, the roads leading to Lerida from the south-west are jammed. Food lorries, ambulances and troops going in one direction, while files of prisoners and lorries loaded with captured war material proceeding in the other. —Reuter.

MAY BE SENT BACK TO BARCELONA

LUCHON (Hautes Pyrennes) —It is expected that many of the 4,000 Spanish Republic militia, who crossed the Frontier from Spain since yesterday to take refuge in France, will be sent to Barcelona.

It is stated that the morale of the majority of the militia is good and many demand to be sent back to fight.

Some men possessed only sporting guns or daggers. They stated that they found it impossible to resist the Nationalists, as their ammunition was exhausted. Fifteen are known to have perished in crossing the mountains through falling down precipices, or dying from exhaustion in the snow.—Reuter

VICTORIOUS CHINESE TROOPS ADVANCING NORTH

Eight-Days' Furious Battle For Strategic City Of Taierchwang

HANKNOW, April 1.

A communique announces that following a furious counter-attack, the Chinese forces have dislodged the Japanese troops holding out in the northern part of Taierchwang and have now advanced to a point two-and-a-half miles north of the city.

The battle for the strategic city of Taierchwang lasted for eight days. The opposing forces fought hand-to-hand street fighting with bayonets, big swords and hand grenades

The victorious Chinese troops have now advancing north in the direction of Tsaochwang with the object of forming a junction with the other troops operating to the east of the city.—Reuter.

LONDON.—Home Office figures show that between March 13 and March 20—period imeediately following the march of German troops into Austria—the numbers of persons holding Austrian passports who applied for leave to land in this country was 422 in 61 cases leave was refused.

NOTABLE ADVANCES ON ALL FRONTS

HANKOW, March 31.

Elated by the success of their comrades on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway front, the Chinese forces elsewhere are fighting with vigour and are reported to have made important gains.

A Communique states that the Chinese on Peiping-Hankow Railway re-occupied Tsiatso, while in South Yangtse the Chinese are reported to have taken Szna after a severe engagement, wherein the Chinese suffered 3,000 casualties and the Japanese 4,000 and the Chinese Guerillas claim to have re-captured Haiyen in Hangchow Bay, area.

There is fierce hand-to-hand fighting in the streets at Taierchwang, where the Chinese have set fire to the buildings in order to drive out the Japanese.—Reuter.

SATYAGRAHA SUSPENDED

Shahidgunj Leader Paves Way For Honourable Settlement

LAHORE, April 1.

In the course of a long statement, explaining the circumstances leading to the launching of the Shahidganj Civil Disobedience by the Ahrars and after criticising the resolution of the Muslim League Council, which he considers to be contrary to the spirit and letter of its own resolution taken at Lucknow, Maulana Mazhar Ali, leader of the Shahidganj C. D. Movement, who came out of the jail yesterday, says that the Ahrars are prepared to suspend the Civil Disobedience the day Sir Sikhander Hyat Khan so desires of them, because they do not want to incur the stigma that any action of theirs jeopardised an opportunity of honourable settlement, as was envisaged in Sir Sikandar's last statement.

Otherwise, adds the Maulana, they (the Ahrars) would await the decision of the Muslim League at its forthcoming meeting at Calcutta, and act accordingly to ensure a United Front of the Muslims.

In the meanwhile, the Shahidganj Civil Disobedience [illegible] continued.—United Press.

Congress Time Table

CALCUTTA, April 1.

The Congress Working Committee has passed the following time table for the current session:—

(1) Open Session of the Congress to meet in the last week of February 1929;

(2) Announcement of the President's election on February 2nd 1939;

(3) Meeting of the Delegates to elect the President and members of the All-India Congress Committee, January 29th, 1939;

(4) Presidential nominations upto January 16th, 1939;

(5) Election of Delegates, January 8th, 1939; and

(6) The last date of enrolment of primary members, (for voting purposes) October 1, 1938.—United Press.

AUSTRIAN BISHOPS AND VATICAN

ROME, April 1.

The declaration of Austrian Bishops, headed by Cardinal Innitzer, calling on Catholics to vote for union with Germany in the coming plebiscite was not issued on instructions from the Vatican. According to the official Vatican newspaper "Osservatore Romano," which says that the declaration was made on the initiative of the Bishops themselves and the Holy See was not consulted either before or after. An official stated that this did not mean that the Holy See would disavow the Bishops, and added that the statement was made to show that the Austrian Bishops had complete authority to take decisions of this sort on their own initiative.

One of the reasons why the statement was published in "Osservatore Romano" was that some German Catholics were disappointed that the Austrian Bishops should have taken the step without consulting the German hierarchy.

The Vatican has made clear that it was not responsible.—Reuter.

ALEXANDRIA,

In the third round of Mixed Doubles, Grand Guillot and Curtis beat Ghaus and Miss Row 7—5, 6—2.—Reuter.

In Commons

Attachment Of Officers' Pay

Debate On Army And Air Force Act Amending Bill

'CLAUSE IN FAVOUR OF MONEYLENDERS'?

LONDON, April 1.

In the House of Commons, during discussion in the Committee stage of the Army and Airforce Bill, a short discussion ensued on Clause Four, providing an amendment to the existing Army Act in respect of attachment of the pay of officers and soldiers in India and Burma.

The Proviso to the Clause states that it shall not affect any attachment order made in a court in respect of any liability incurred before the end of 1938. Sir William Allen moved an amendment to delete the proviso, and explained that he wished that the change should come into operation at once, instead of giving moneylender another nine months. Government might have an idea that the practice would cease at the end of 1938, but it was quite evident that any officers who might owe money might have an [illegible] that might go on for years and years. Sir William Allen opined that Government were not treating officers in India quite rightly in the way the Clause was drafted. The Clause was in favour of money lenders. Many officers had been broke on this matter, and they wanted to put an end to it.

Mr. Hore-Belisha pointed out that the object of the clause was a change of procedure, and opined that Sir William Allen should have been overwhelming the Government with gratitude. It was customary in accordance with the elements of justice, that if they changed a law, particularly long established law, they should give some notice thereof. It was desirable to change the law, but it was also desirable to retain respect for our own methods of legislation in this country, and give a proper and adequate notice. They thought it only proper that they should inform not only the officers but tradesmen and moneylenders in India that by the end of 1938, the present practice would no longer prevail, though personally he should have liked to do it at once.

The amendment was negatived. —Reuter.

ADJOURNMENT TURNED DOWN

Sir Sikandar Refuses To Divulge Why He Externed A. K. Ghosh

LAHORE, April 1.

After two hours' heated discussion the Punjab Legislative Assembly rejected to-day the adjournment motion of Sardar Sohan Singh Josh, Socialist, on the externment of Mr. Ajoy Kumar Ghosh.

PREMIER'S STAND

Sir Sikandar Hyat Khan, Premier, replying to the debate said that Mr. Ajoy Kumar Ghosh visited the Punjab on several occasions and the Punjab Government did not take action against him. The Premier refused to divulge the police reports on the basis of which he had externed him from the Punjab.

Concluding the Premier said that he would not allow outsiders to come to the Punjab to disturb the tranquillity of the province.

The motion when put to vote was lost by 65 votes to 27.

Maulvi Muharali Azhar, Ahrar leader, who secured his release yesterday by furnishing a security attended the Assembly to-[illegible]

RELIEF TO ORISSA TENANTS

CUTTACK, April 1.

It is understood that the present session of the Orissa Assembly will be further extended till April 7, 1938, in order to dispose of the Orissa Tenancy Act Amendment Bill.

To-day the Assembly passed Clause ten, which reduces the rate of interest from 12-1/2 per cent to six on arrears of rent.

Amendments moved seeking to reduce it to 9 per cent were rejected.—A. P.

Working Committee

Inconclusive Talks On Communal Problem

Gandhiji To Participate In To-day's Deliberations

CALCUTTA, April 1.

THE CONGRESS WORKING COMMITTEE MEETING BROKE UP AT 8-30 TO-NIGHT TO MEET AGAIN TO-MORROW MORNING AT 8.

ACHARYA KRIPALANI, THE GENERAL SECRETARY TOLD THE PRESS REPRESENTATIVES THAT THERE WAS NO RESOLUTION TO BE RELEASED AS NONE WAS ADOPTED AT TO-DAY'S SITTING.

HE, HOWEVER, INFORMED THE PRESSMEN THAT THE COMMITTEE HAD DISCUSSED SEVERAL ISSUES AT RANDOM, AS GENERALLY HAPPENS ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE MEETING.

To a specific question, as to whether they had discussed the problem of communal settlement, Acharya Kripalani said:

"Well, we did discuss this matter but did not come to any conclusion."

It is understood that the discussions on this vexed problem will take definite shape to-morrow when Gandhiji is expected to participate in the Committee's deliberations.

It is definitely learnt that the question of the resignation of the Central Provinces Law Minister did not crop up for discussion to-day, it having been left over to be taken up on April 3rd next, when Dr. N. B. Khare, the Central Provinces Premier, and the Minister concerned, Mr. Mohammed Shareef, are expected to arrive in Calcutta.—United Press.

WORKING COMMITTEE REVIEWS SITUATION

CALCUTTA, April 1.

For the second time after the Haripura Session, the Congress Working Committee met at two

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Govt. Accepts Defeat Without Challenge

M. L. A.'s HURL BACK DOW'S CHARGE

Treasury Benches Keep Mum When Jinnah Demands Trade Pact Ratification

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, April 1.

A STRAIGHT QUESTION WAS PUT TO GOVERNMENT TO-DAY IN THE ASSEMBLY BY MR. M. A. JINNAH, WHO FOR THE FIRST TIME DURING THE PRESENT SESSION TOOK AN ACTIVE PART IN THE PROCEEDINGS. HE WAS PREPARED TO GRANT THAT WHEN THE NEGOTIATIONS FOR NEW INDO-BRITISH TRADE AGREEMENT WERE PROCEEDING IT MIGHT BE DIFFICULT TO CONSULT THE ASSEMBLY BUT HE ASKED: WHAT'S THERE TO PREVENT YOU FROM CONSULTING THE ASSEMBLY AFTER THE AGREEMENT IS CONCLUDED ALL THAT HE ASKED FOR WAS THAT THE AGREEMENT SHOULD BE PLACED BEFORE THE HOUSE FOR APPROVAL, WHATEVER GOVERNMENT MIGHT DECIDE TO DO IN THE END.

NO ANSWER WAS FORTHCOMING FROM GOVERNMENT TO THIS STRAIGHT QUESTION.

There was considerable disappointment [illegible] as even this simple request brought no response from the Treasury Bench.

A stern warning was also administered to Government by Mr. Jinnah in the course of his speech.

Describing the Government's attitude as most unreasonable he said: "You will drive me also into the wilderness." He went on to say that it would be poisoning the atmosphere and confirming rumours, suspicions and fears in this country. "You will be doing the greatest possible harm to yourselves," concluded Mr. Jinnah.

This appeal was expressed by Sir H. P. Mody also who closed his speech with a query: "Why not place the agreement before the House for ratification?"

CHARGE HURLED BACK.

All that Mr. Dow Commerce Secretary offered in explanation of Government's procedure was that the responsibility for the Administration lay with the Executive. When he said: "One result of having irresponsible Government is that we have irresponsible Opposition," members retorted: "Who is responsible for it? He repeated the statement that there was still no knowledge as to whether the negotiations would result in an agreement or not.

The resolution asking Government to consult the Assembly before concluding an agreement was passed without division. Government thus accepted defeat without challenging division on both the resolutions to-day—Mr. Qayum's resolution asking for a University in the Frontier and Mr. Sattyamurti's on Indo-British trade agreement.

Proceedings In Detail

NEW DELHI, April 1.

The Assembly to-day discussed non-official resolutions.

Mr. Lalchand Navalrai continued the debate on Mr. Abdul Qaiyum's resolution recommending that a University subsidized by the Federal Government be at once set up at Peshawar for the settled districts and the tribal areas of the N. W. F. Province Mr. Navalrai argued that the Frontier Province like Sind could not afford at present to finance the establishment of a university unaided by help from the Government of India. The Central Government should, therefore, come to the aid of these poor provinces; otherwise they would remain as backward as ever.

EXPENSIVE SUPERSTRUCTURE.

Sir G. S. Bajpai, Education Secretary, explained there were only ten secondary schools in tribal areas and of these only two were High Schools. That was a very slender basis on which to create or impose the expensive super-

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Release Of Politicals

Bengal Home Minister To Resume Talks With Mahatma

CALCUTTA, April 1.

It is understood that the Hon. Sir Nazimuddin, Home Minister, will resume discussion with Mahatma Gandhi regarding the release of political prisoners and detenus to-morrow.

Sir Nazimuddin has written to Mahatma Gandhi and he is awaiting a reply in the course of the evening.—A. P.

MIRZA ANNEXES GREENHAM PLATE

LONDON, April 7.

The Greenham plate, run at Newbury, over one mile distance resulted as follows:—

Mirza (Harrywragg) 1.
Olympus (Patbeasley) 2.
Royafoak (Sirett) 3.

Seven Ran Won by a neck. Three lengths separated the second and third. The winner was trained by Frank Butters.

Starting prices: 7/4 Mirza, 11/4 Olympus 20/1 Royaloak, Olympus bolted before the start, covering three-quarters mile before being ridden back by a stable lad. He was joint 2/1 favourite before bolting.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

Stratosphere 'Plane Comes To Grief

BRUSSELS, April 1.

A stratosphere 'plane, named "Renard" weighing about ten tons with a wing spread of 77 feet, crashed on the occasion of its first flight. The pilot was found dead in the cabin. The 'plane had a hermetically sealed cabin, claimed to be capable of carrying 20 passengers and a crew of three at a height of 6,500 metres —Reuter.

In Suburbs Of Lerida

PARIS April 1.

The Nationalists have gained a footing in the suburbs of Lerida according to a message from Fraga. The attacking troops reached the first houses at 1/20 p.m.—Reuter.

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T. E. STREATFIELD,
Collector of Bombay.
Collector's Office, Bombay.
30th March, 1938. 8245.

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Bombay, 1st April 1938. 10050.

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Bombay, 1st April 1938. 10051.

"BOMBAY ART SOCIETY" AND "PRABHAT."

In the issue of our daily paper "PRABHAT" of the 8th of February, 1938 we published an item of news under the heading "Bombay Art Societycha Upadvyap" (Mischief of the Bombay Art Society) saying that a suggestion was understood to have been made by the Bombay Art Society to the Government to close the Sir J. J. School of Art and that a great commotion had been created in consequence thereof amongst the art-loving public of Bombay.

Since then we have been reliably informed that the news we published in our paper had no foundation whatsoever and that the Bombay Art Society never made any proposal to Government in any connection. We therefore unreservedly express our deep regret for publishing the news in the manner it was published and for using the objectionable and improper word "upadvyap" in connection with the Society.

We have always entertained highest regard for public institutions like the Bombay Art Society and nothing is farthest from our mind than doing harm to such useful institutions by our writing in our paper. We hope that this explanation made by us will be found satisfactory by every one concerned with the Society as being sufficient to dispel the misunderstanding if any be created in their minds.

EDITOR "PRABHAT." 8277.

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NOTICE.

THE FIFTY-FIFTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held at its Registered Office, No. 59, Forbes Street, Fort, Bombay, on MONDAY, the 25th April, 1938, at 3 p.m. (S.T.) to transact the following business:—

1. To receive and adopt the Directors' Report, Audited Balance Sheet and Abstract of Profit and Loss Account made up to 31st December, 1937.
2. To declare a Dividend.
3. To elect two Directors in place of those who retire by rotation, but who are eligible for re-election.
4. To re-elect Sir Chunilal V. Mehta Kt., and Mr. H. H. Sawyer as additional Directors of the Company.
5. To appoint Auditors for the year ending 31st December 1938 and to fix their remuneration.

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Bombay, 23rd March, 1938.

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NOTICE.

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N. V. MODAK,
City Engineer.
Municipal Offices,
Bombay, dated 31st March 1938. (8274)

CAWNPORE MUNICIPALITY.

NOTICE.

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Each tender is to be accompanied by (a) deposit receipt of the earnest money of Rs. 300 (three hundred only) to be deposited in CASH IN ADVANCE of the proposed tender with the Treasurer, Municipal Board, Cawnpore, without which no tender will be considered (b) Analysis report containing a certificate of its arsenic content if present at all in million parts from approved laboratories such as the Government Text House, India Stores Department, Alipore, Calcutta or the Harcourt Butler Technological Institute, Cawnpore or from the Chemical Examiner to the Government, United Provinces. Samples of alumina ferric out of each supply are to be analysed at the expenses of the supplier (c) Sample to be submitted in a sealed box. The sample of the successful tenderer will be subject to analysis at his cost.

DR. S. N. TIWARI.
Rai Bahadur, D.P.H.,
Executive Officer,
Municipal Board, Cawnpore. 8271.

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"	"S"	consists of Itarsi to Gwalior. Bhopal to Ujjain, Bina to Kotah.
"	"T"	consists of Jubbulpore to Allahabad, Katni to Bina, Banda to Manikpur, Cawnpore to Banda.
"	"U"	consists of Bhusaval to Jubbulpore, Itarsi to Nagpur, Amla to Parasia
"	"W"	consists of Amalner to Nagpur, Bhusaval to Khandwa, Jalamb to Khamgaon, Badnera to Amraoti, Wardha to Balharshah, Majri to Rajur, Tadali to Ghugus, Chalisgaon to Dhulia, Chalisgaon to Jalgaon.
"	"X"	consists of Bombay to Burhanpur (excluding Harbour Branch) Dhond to Manmad, Chalisgaon to Dhulia, Jalgaon to Amalner.
"	"Y"	consists of Poona to Raichur Dhond to Manmad, Manmad to Nasik.
"	"Z"	consists of Bombay to Kurduwadi (excluding Harbour Branch) Karjat to Khopoli, Dhond to Manmad and Kalyan to Manmad.

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Bombay I & II Programmes

VUB 244 metres, 1,231 kc|s.
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TRANSMISSION I

a.m.
11-30 Recorded Music.
p.m.
1-0 Market Rates, Announcements. 1-5 Dance Music.

TRANSMISSION II

p.m.
5-30 Bombay Orchestra. 5-40 Master Vasant Amrit. 6-10 Shamsuddin. 6-15 Mehboobjan of Sholapur. 6-30 To Bhumijan Anniversary. 7-30 Celebration of rural broadcasting, talk and songs; 7 to 7-45, boat race commentary, 7-45 Fortnight's events. 8-0 Review in Gujarati by S. U. Sukha. 8-0 Mehboobjan. 8-30 Commercial News. 8-45 Abdul Shakoor Khan. Darbari on Sarangi. 9-0 News (Hindustani). 9-15 Master Vasant Amrit. Gujarati ghazal. 9-30 News. 9-45 New Books. Review. 10-0 Piano and Cello Recital. 10-30 Kathleen Rozella. 10-10 Radio Orchestra.

Delhi—I Programme

V U D 340 metres, 886 kc/s.

TRANSMISSION 1.

a. m.
7-0 Duniya 7-30 Instrumental Interlude. 7-40 Majidanbai 8-5 Nawab Jan and S. D Batish 8-40 News In Hindustani 8-50 In English.

TRANSMISSION 11.

12-0 noon News (Hindustani). p. m.
12-30 Provincial Folk-Songs. 1-0 Tit-Bit-Hits.

TRANSMISSION 111.

p. m.
6-0 Mixed Melodies 6-40 Majidanbai 7-0 For Villagers Only 8-0 Historical Retrospect, A talk in Hindustani by Begaum K. Z, Rehman 8-15 Bhajans 8-35 P. N. Mitra. 8-50 Majidanbai 9-15 News, Weather In Hindustani 9-30 In English 9-45 Ezio Neri 10-0 Safe Driving talk by Major F. J. Dillon. 10-15 Bina Addy. 10-45 Light Symphony Orchestra. 10-55 News.

Delhi II Programme

TRANSMISSIONS I & II
31.3 metres, 9,575 kc|s
Programmes as in Delhi I.

TRANSMISSION III
60 metres, 4,995 kc|s.
p.m.
6-0 to 7-0 Programmes as in Delhi I. 7-0 Evening Melodies. 7-30 Cocktail-Time. 8-0 to 9-15 Programmes as in Delhi I. 9-45 Majidanbai. 10-0 to 10-15 Programme as in Delhi I. 10-15 Sentimental Songs. 10-55 News.

Calcutta Programmes

VUC 370.4 m., 810 kc|s. and 49.1m., 6,100 kc|s. (Add 24 minutes to all timings for Calcutta time).
p.m.
12-36 Variety Programme. Weather. 1-36 Recorded Programme. 2-16 The World in News. Talk in Bengali. 2-21 Moments Musical. 5-6 For Countryside. 5-36 Jantri Sangha. 5-46 Ranibala. 6-6 Jantri Sangha. 6-16 Manorama 6-36 Shoni Mondal. 8-6 News, Weather (Bengali). 8-21 Suraj Prasad Srivastava. 8-41 Kamalabala. 9-1 Commercial News, Weather. 9-6 News. 9-21 Gracia Duveck. 9-35 Francisco Casanova and Orchestra.

Peshawar Programme

VUP 200 metres, 1,500 kc|s.
p.m.
5-30 Hour with villagers. 6-30 Zeenat Begam. 6-50 Khyber Orchestra. 7-0 Kishen Lal. 7-20 Mehr Bakhsh. 7-25 Nawabbai. 7-45 Washing and Dyeing. Talk in Hindustani by Shrimati Devi. 8-0 Zeenat Begam. 8-20 Nagham-i-Khyber. 8 25 Nawabbai. 8-50 Qadir Bakhsh 8-55 Kisher. Lal. News. Weather. 9-15 In Hindustani. 9-30 In English. 9-45 Zeenat Begam. 10-0 Instrumental Music. 10-5 Hamari Nak. Play in Hindustani.

Lahore Programme

VUL 276 metres, 1,086 kc|s.
p.m.
6-0 Classical Music. 6-20 Jagdish Narain Bhatnagar. 6-30 Light Music. 6-50 Barkat Ali Khan. 7-0 For the Countryside. 7-30 Religious Music. 7-50 Shamshadbai. 8-0 Light Music. 8-20 Barkat Ali Khan. 8-40 Classical Music. 8-55 Jagdish Narain Bhatnagar. 9-0 Khurshid Anwar. News, Weather. 9-15 In Hindustani. 9-30 In English. 9-45 Light Music. 10-5 Jagdish Narain Bhatnagar. A sitar recital. 10-15 Khurshid Anwar. 10-35 Barkat Ali Khan.

Lucknow Programme

W.L. 294 metres 1020 kc|s.
p.m.
6-30 Radio in Modern Society. Talk in Hindustani by Hon. Govind B. Pant. 6-40 Nand Lal and Party of Benares. 7-0 Siddheswaribai of Benares. 7-35 Nand Lal and Party. 8-0 Musical Memories. 8-40 Pandit Shrikrishna Narayan Ratanjankar. News, Weather. 9-15 In Hindustani. 9-30 In English. 9-45 Message. By Sir Harry Haig. 9-55 Hindustani Translation of above. 10-5 Nand Lal and Party. 10-30 Siddeswaribai.

B. B. C. Programme

GSJ (to 9.0 p.m.) 21.53 Mc/s (14.93 m.). GSH 21.47 Mc/s (13.97 m.). GSG 17.79 Mc/s (16.86 m.). GSO (to 8.30 p.m.) 15.18 Mc/s. (19.76 m.). GSF 15.14 Mc/s. (19.82 m.). GSD from 9.15 p.m.) 11.75 Mc/s (25.53 m.)
P.M.
6-55 Opening. 7-0 Boat Race. 7-45 Charles Ernesco Quintet. 8-25 Steeplechasing at Crowie. 9-45 Medvedeff's Balalaika Orchestra. 9-10 Motor Racing. 9-25 Carnet de Bal. 9-50 Motor Racing. 10-5 News.

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MANSA DAY

Appeal To Public

Mr. Balvantrai Mehta Secretary, All-India "States" People's Conrence writes:—

The grim fight that the brave peasants of the State of Mansa in Gujerat are carrying on for their economic emancipation is now entering a new phase. The engines of repression have been let loose by the authorities of the State. The peasantry has stood firm. Bardoli is being re-acted on a heroic scale on the soil of an Indian State. The "Story of Mansa" as told in the pamphlet published by the Khedut Committee has wider appeal and interest to the people of the States outside Gujerat.

The Mansa Peasants' Committee has requested the Indian public to observe 3rd of April as "Mansa Day." Public meetings should be held on that day, greetings should be sent to the brave satyagrahis of this petty State for their gallant stand against autocracy and repressive policy of the State should be condemned, the great significance of this agrarian fight culminating in a No-tax campaign should be explained to the people and the demand of the Mansa peasantry either for a reduction of 50 per cent in the heavily swollen State demand of Land revenue or for the settlement of all issues through the machinery of joint arbitration should be endorsed.

I request workers from State to take immediate steps to register their moral sympathy and support to their brethren in distress by observing the Mansa Day on the 3rd April in a suitable manner.

MINISTER SHUKLA FOR CALCUTTA

NAGPUR, April 1.

The Minister Pandit R. S. Shukla left for Calcutta this morning.—A. P.

AROUND THE COURTS

Magisterial Changes

Bombay, Friday.

Magisterial changes caused by the retirement of Sir Hormazdiar Dastur came into effect to-day.

Mr. D. N. D. Khandalawala took charge of the office of the Chief Presidency Magistrate this morning.

Mr. I. N. Mehta, who was till now Presidency Magistrate, Fourth Court, (Girgaum), took his seat in the Third Court at the Esplanade.

Mr. W. K. Manker sat at the Girgaum Court.

S. J. D'Souza was arrested last night by the Kalachowki police, on a charge of theft. bailed out till 9th April.

Ebrahim Mahabub Shah was arrested yesterday by the Maharbowri Police on a charge of assault and was put up before the Presidency Magistrate, Girgaum.

The accused surrendered himself at the Maharbowri police station. He was remanded into police custody till the 14th April.

Mr. Justice N. J. Wadia and Mr. Justice Divatia at the High Court dismissed the appeal of M. H. Haq who was sentenced to 7 months' rigorous imprisonment by the Assistant Sessions Judge of Poona.

Magistrate's Kindness

An accused, clad only in torn loin cloth round his waist, appeared before Mr. I. N. Mehta to-day. The Magistrate asked the police officer, who placed the accused on a remand application, to give him some clothes.

The officer at first regretted his inability to do so, but the Magistrate, moved by the tragic appearance of the prisoner clad in rags, again asked the police officer to be good enough to give some clothing to the accused.

Police officer:—I will manage to to do it.

Magistrate:—Thank you very much.

Saidu Hari, the man in question, was arrested yesterday on a charge of begging in the Fort and was sentenced by a bench of Hon. Magistrates to one day's simple imprisonment.

He was, however, re-arrested by the police with a view to sending him out of Bombay and was placed before Mr. Mehta.

The Magistrate directed the accused to be released on a bail of Rs 20 and asked the accused whether he could furnish the amount.

The accused remarked that he had to beg for his very livelihood and had no money with him. He informed the Court that he had to live in police lock-up with the rags that he had on and requested the Court to do something.

The Magistrate as stated above, took pity on the man and asked the police officer to give him some clothes.

Took Money To Get Man Job—Then Disappeared?

BOMBAY, Friday.

De Silva Dorodo Alcantro was arrested early this morning on a charge of cheating by the Bhoiwada Police. He was put up before the Dadar Presidency Magistrate.

Bail was granted.

Accidental Death

BOMBAY, Friday.

Laxmibai Sambayya (9) was knocked down by a motor lorry at Suparibaug Road on March 21, while she was crossing the road. The girl sustained injuries, and was removed to the K. E. M Hospital, where she died the same day.

The Bombay Coroner's jury returned a verdict of accidental death, as she suddenly ran across the path of a motor lorry, at Suparibaug road.

A verdict of accidental death was passed by the Bombay Coroner's jury to-day, at the inquest on Maruti Shiwa Dehade (25), a labourer in the Bombay Port Trust, who was knocked down by a motor Buick, while he was walking along Reay road, yesterday. He was removed to the J. J. Hospital, where he died yesterday morning.

A 12 year old boy named Namdeo Shripat, who was dancing, during the last Holi festival in a procession had his left leg slightly injured, in their village Kalusi in the Satara district, with the result, that the boy had high temperature and therefore, his father brought him to Bombay and took him to the K. E. M. Hospital, yesterday, where he died the same day.

An inquest was held over the body and the Bombay Coroner's jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

Mohan alias Dhula Sadhuji (20), a cook in the employ of a gentleman at Walkeshwar Road, was found dead in his employer's bathroom yesterday. The cause of death is not known. The body was removed to the morgue.

The inquest was adjourned for report of Chemical Analyser till April 19.

GULBARGA DISTURBANCES

"Press Report Exaggerated"

A "communique" issued by the Director of the Information Bureau of the H E. H. The Nizam's Government observes: "The reports appearing in the Press regarding disturbances at Gulbarga on the occasion of the Holi festival are unauthentic and exaggerated. It is a fact that one person was killed on the evening of the 16th March 1938, but the Police immediately got control of the situation and cautiously proceeded to make investigation and apprehend the suspects. The people are carrying on their business as usual and perfect calm prevails. The report that the Superintendent of Police was attacked is without any foundation.

NIZAMABAD ARRESTS.

Another "communique" refers to "certain incorrect accounts of the arrest of certain Hindu leaders in Nizamabad in connection with disturbances that were feared on the 10th of Moharrum" and gives the official version of the incidents.

The Basi Municipal Council has resolved to discontinue the attendance allowance given to pri-

RAILWAY TIME TABLE

G. I. P. Railway

TIMINGS AT VICTORIA TERMINUS

Trains	Arr. H.M.	Dep. H.M
Madras Mail	6 00	22 00
Peshawar and Lucknow Express	6 15	23 00
Calcutta Mail via Nagpur	7 40	17 50
Calcutta Mail via Chheoki	8 25	20 55
Madras Express	10 10	15 00
Deccan Queen on Mondays only	10 30	
Deccan Queen on Fridays only		17 15
Poona Mail	10 25	17 30
Punjab Mail	11 15	18 55
Nagpur Express	14 55	21 5
Poona Fast Passenger	17 00	11 35
Poona Express	19 24	8 05
Allahabad Express	20 15	7 00

B. B. & C. I. Railway

TIMINGS AT BOMBAY CENTRAL

Mail, Express and Passenger train timing in force from January 1, 1938:—

Trains	Arr H.M.	Dep H.M
Ahmedabad Passenger	5 35	22 25
Delhi Express	6 00	22 05
Gujarat Mail	6 45	20 25
Kathiawar Mail	7 25	21 50
Frontier Mail	8 15	21 30
Frontier Mail on Saturdays at Ballard Pier	8 40	
Ahmedabad Passenger	14 00	13 50
Kathiawar Express	18 45	8 45
Baroda Passenger	20 33	9 25
The Flying Ranee Mondays only from Surat	9 48	
The Flying Ranee daily except on Mondays	10 58	
The Flying Ranee Mondays only from Bulsar	9 15	
The Flying Ranee Saturdays only to Surat		15 10
The Flying Ranee Saturdays only to Bulsar		15 50
The Flying Ranee daily except Saturdays to Surat		18 05

AIR MAIL TIMINGS

LONDON BOMBAY (JUHU)

	Arrival	Delivery
Monday	1 p.m.	3-30 p.m
Tuesday	1 p.m.	3-30 p.m
Wednesday	1 p.m.	3-30 p.m.
Friday	1 p.m	3-30 p.m.

BOMBAY (JUHU)—LONDON

	Latest hour of posting at G.P.O	Departure
Tuesday	8-30 a.m.	10-15 a.m.
Wednesday	8-30 a.m.	10-15 a.m
Thursday		8-0 p.m

TRIVANDRUM—BOMBAY (JUHU)

	Delivery
Tuesday	6-0 p.m

BOMBAY (JUHU)—TRIVANDRUM

	Latest hour of posting at G P O
Wednesday	8-0 p.m

BOMBAY (JUHU)—KATHIAWAR

	Departure H.M.
Tuesday	7-15
Thursday	7-15
Saturday	7-15

BOMBAY (JUHU)—KATHIAWAR

	Arrival H.M
Monday	11-35
Wednesday	11-35
Friday	11-35

Friday	8-30 a.m.	10-15 a.m
Saturday	8-30 a.m.	10-15 a.m.

DELHI BOMBAY (JUHU)

	Arrival	Delivery
Monday	1-55 p.m	3-30 p.m.
Thursday	1-55 p.m	3-30 p.m.

BOMBAY (JUHU)—DELHI

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Tuesday	8-0 p.m

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SCOUT SECRETARY HONOURED

At Farewell To Collector

(From A Correspondent)

KARWAR, (By Mail).

On Monday last an 'At Home' was given to the outgoing Collector Mr. Dikshit, by his friends at the newly built Jubilee Scout Hut facing the Karwar sea front. Mr. B. Venkatappiah, the Assistant Collector and District Scout Commissioner, north Kanara, paid tribute to the services of Mr. Dikshit to the District and the town.

A medal of merit was presented to Mr. M. S. Chandawarkar, Honorary Secretary of the Karwar Boy Scouts' Association, who had rendered valuable services to the Scout Movement.

Mr. K. R. Haldipurkar, a prominent pleader of Karwar, also paid tributes to Mr. and Mrs. Dikshit, wishing them a long lease of prosperous and happy life both in official capacity and after retirement.

Mr. Dikshit in his reply stated that he would always remember his friends there and in Government service such separations were inevitable.

UNIVERSITY SENATE ELECTION

Mr. C. C. Shah, M.A., B.T., LL.B., Active Life Member of Sarvajanik Education Society, of Surat is a candidate for the ensuing University Senate Election.

Aga Khan Hockey

Impressive Display By Bombay City

Hyderabad Grasshoppers Beaten By 5 Goals To 3

BOMBAY, Friday.

The Bombay City F. C. gave an impressive display in the Aga Khan Hockey Tournament on Friday evening, when they accounted for the Grasshoppers from Hyderabad by 5 goals to 3.

Sound Game

The local team's forwards were in a scoring mood while in their defence Brackstone, right back and Otto Ernst, their goalkeeper, played a sound game.

VISITORS' PLUCKY FIGHT

The visitors fought hard till the last minute but they found their superiors in the Bombay City, who always kept up their safe lead.

The game opened at a brisk pace and in the 5th minute the visitors from Hyderabad lost a likely opening when Ibrahim their centre-forward, failed to connect a timely centre by the outside right. The Bombay City gained command of the situation and a little later D'Cunha, their inside-right, gave them an early lead, when he gave the finishing touch to a combined move between himself and Gaitely.

It was Gaitely, who put the Bombay City further ahead cleverly intercepting a pass by Pereira.

With 2 goals down the Grasshoppers retaliated and Ibrahim tested Ernst with no result. Favourably placed in the shooting area the same player took a shot, which was saved by Otto but ofi the rebound E. Paul beat the City custodian.

The little encouragement that the Hyderabad players got after scoring this goal was set aside. when Almeida put the local team one more up to keep their 2-goals lead.

At lemon-time the Bombay City led by 3 goals to 1.

The local team's attack seemed to be too good for the Grasshopper's defence and soon after the resumption D'Cunha ran through beating both the backs to score the fourth goal for the City.

Grasshoppers did not give up trying and soon after Ibrahim, their centre-forward, succeeded in beating Otto, in the City goal but at the other end Almeida scored the fifth goal for the Bombay City to keep up a safe 3-goals lead.

This was not all as far as goal-getting was concerned and Hyderabad forwards, who were by means disheartened because of their opponents' big lead, worked hard and Paul, their tall inside-right, reduced the margin, when he netted the third goal for his side.

THE RESULT:

BOMBAY CITY F.C.	5 Goals
HYDERABAD GRASSHOPPERS	3 Goals

THE TEAMS:

BOMBAY CITY F. C.: Ernst; Brackstone and Rodrigues; Gidney, D'Souza and O'Connor; Pereira, D'Cunha, Gaitely, Almeida and De'Penha.

HYDERABAD GRASSHOPPERS: Sanaullah; Khalil and Dittia; De Monty, Narsingraj and Basit; Kadam, Paul, Ibrahim, E. Paul and Bahbood.

UMPIRES: C. D'Souza and L. Hibbert.

To-day's Matches

4-15 p.m. Ajmer vs Cheshire Regiment.

5-30 p.m. St. Patrick's O.S. vs. B. E. S. T.

W. I. F. A. NOTES

Soccer Season Opens In Bombay

To-morrow, Sunday, will see the opening of the 1938 Soccer season in Bombay. And, as though to celebrate the efforts of the W.I.F.A. to foster football among Indian players, the tournament which will be the curtain-raiser has attracted a record number of entries. It is undoubtedly the highest number of Indian teams ever to enter for a football tournament reserved wholly for Indian players, and the entry of 39 teams for the Nadkarni Cup certainly reveals how popular the game is becoming among Indians.

There will be two games on Sunday, the opening day, and thereafter two games every Sunday, Saturday, and holiday (Good Friday excepted) until the tournament ends somewhere about the middle of May. There are several new teams entered, including three from the South Kanara Sporting Association. In order to enable this Association to participate in this manner, the popular team known as Dewji's Kanara Eleven is being disbanded, the players being divided among the three teams entered by the Association. This amicable solution of a rather thorny problem will certainly strengthen the activities of the South Kanara Sporting Association, and although many sportsmen in Bombay will miss the fine games put up by the Dewji Eleven, the amalgamation will undoubtedly do much to improve soccer.

SERIES OF LECTURES

Owing to several important changes in the Football Association Rules coming into force this year, it has been arranged by the Bombay Presidency Referees Association that a series of lectures on the new rules will be given at the Cooperage, on dates not yet fixed, by Messrs Hibbert and Gilbert in English and the vernacular respectively. These lectures will be open to referees, would-be referees, and players, and should prove very helpful to all concerned. Incidentally, the Referees Association has been doing good work during recent weeks preparing for the coming season.

There have been a few administrative changes in the W.I.F.A. during the past few days. Mr. N. Musry has been nominated to represent the W.I.F.A. on the Finance Committee of the All-India Football Federation, and Mr. Webber to act as representative on the Referees Sub-Committee. Locally, Mr. C. T. Day, the new Honorary Secretary of the W.I.F.A., will officially take over from Mr. E. J. Turner, proceeding on leave, on April 10th, whilst Mr P. O'Brien, the new honorary Publicity Officer, will also take over charge next week.

DINNER AND DANCE

Finally, the W.I.F.A. Dinner-and-Dance fixed for next Thursday, April 7th, is now certain of being a great success, and the Committee have already had to fix the maximum number of tickets to be sold. An excellent programme has been arranged at the Taj, and as there is to be no speech-making it is bound to prove a most popular "season-opener."

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BOMBAY'S ORIENTAL TRANSLATOR

Farewell Party To Mr. Sanjana

A farewell Party was arranged in honour of Mr. J. E. Sanjana, Oriental Translator to the Government of Bombay when a hearty send-off was given to him by the members of the staff. The function took place in the afternoon of Thursday at the D. T.'s office. At first Mr. Z. A. Barni, Senior Urdu Translator, read a short speech eulogising Mr. Sanjana's qualities of head and heart and his abilities as a great Oriental Translator.

Mr. Barni said:—

"Last year, Sir, when you were appointed Oriental Translator to the Government we felt extremely pleased for the simple reason that at long last the authorities were able to recognise your exceptionally great literary attainment which I must confess by the way, have remained unsurpassed during all these long years of distinguished career in the office. But as ill-luck would have it, this feeling of joy could not last for more than a year and now to our great sorrow it has so abruptly come to an end.

We have gathered together here to-day, Sir, to say, good-bye to you with a heavy heart. On this occasion we cannot thank you too profusely for the kind, and gentlemanly treatment that we have invariably received at your hands. Oriental Translators have come and gone in the past and they may come and go in the future also but it is no exaggeration to say from our own experience of some of them, that you appropriately belong to the little band of the most distinguished Oriental Translators whose names have gone down into history.

Your great learning, your selfless devotion to the work and your unique sense of duty have always been a source of admiration to us all. Although you will not be here from to-morrow yet we assure you that we shall continue to derive inspiration from your lofty, noble and inspiring example.

I assure you Sir, on behalf of my colleagues who have the privilege of serving under you that our prayers will always be that Almighty God may grant you a long, undisturbed and happy life so that you may earn the much needed rest which you so richly deserve after putting in nearly 29 years of solid strenuous work the like of which, at least during living memory, has never been turned out by any of your predecessors."

He was followed by Mr. Betigeri of the Kanarese Branch who endorsed all that was said by the previous speaker. Mr. Joshi second Assistant, also delivered a short speech in which he wished a happy and healthy life to the retiring gentleman. Mr. F. A. Siddiqui of the Urdu Branch read a very touching farewell poem which was greatly appreciated by all.

Then Mr. Sanjana got up and narrated his past experience in the office. He exhorted all those present to work hard, to be proud of their office just as a soldier was proud of his colours and to give ungrudging help to his successor. He spoke very highly of Mr. Irwin, Secretary to the Government, Home Department and described him as a perfect gentleman and a great well-wisher of the office. He was then garlanded by Mr. Dave, the Acting Oriental Translator, who presented him on behalf of the office with a Fabre-Leuba time-piece and a book. While accepting these presents, Mr. Sanjana was greatly touched by the affection shown by the members of the office.

BOMBAY GOVERNMENT GAZETTE

Leaves, Transfers And Appointments

The "Bombay Government Gazette" dated March 31, 1938, contains the following notifications:—

With the sanction of His Majesty's Government, the Governor General in Council is pleased to recognise the appointment of Mr. Yo Shih Chen as Vice-Consul for China at Bombay.

The undermentioned gentlemen who have been appointed to the Indian Civil Service are allotted to Bombay:—V. L. Gidwani, H. H. A. Whitworth, B. P. Patel, H. A. G. Acton A. W. Lovat, L. G. Rajwade, D. C. Barty, W. N. Gallagher, V. M. Joshi.

Mr. V. S. Bhide, I.C.S., is appointed to officiate as Commissioner, Southern Division, vice Mr. J. A. Madan, C.I.E., I.C.S., pending further orders.

The Governor of Bombay is pleased to appoint Mr. V. M. Majmudar to officiate as Cotton Breeder, North Gujarat, vice Mr. G. B. Patel, pending further orders.

The Hon. Mr. Justice C. P. Blackwell, Kt. M.B.E., Barrister-at-Law, relinquished charge of the office of Puisne Judge of His Majesty's High Court of judicature at Bombay on Saturday the 12th March 1938.

Mr. J. M. Sladen, I.C.S., to be on special duty in the Home Department from the afternoon of the 15th March 1938 till the afternoon of the 19th March 1938, and thereafter to officiate as Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Home Department, vice Mr. J. B. Irwin, D.S.O., M.C., I.C.S., transferred.

The Governor of Bombay is pleased to make the following appointments with effect from the 1st April 1938 vice Mr. D. N. D. Khandalawala Barrister-at-Law LL.B., who has been appointed to be Chief Presidency Magistrate, Bombay:—Mr. W. K. Mankar, LL. B., to be Presidency Magistrate, Bombay.

Mr. R. Mathalone, Barrister-at-Law, to officiate as a Presidency Magistrate and to hold the temporary appointment to be released by Mr. W. K. Mankar LL. B.

Mr. K. J. Khambatta, M.A., LL.B., Advocate (O. S.), to officiate as a Presidency Magistrate and to hold the temporary appointment to be released by Mr. R. Mathalone, Barrister-at-Law.

The Governor of Bombay is pleased to appoint Dr. D. M. Telang, to officiate in Bombay Medical Service, Class 1—Division 11, as Professor of Physiology and Histology, Grant Medical College, Bombay.

Mr. B. Bhujanga Rao, is confirmed as Chemical Analyser to Government with effect from the 1st April 1938.

Mr. N. R. Gundil, LL.B., Officiating District and Sessions Judge, Satara, is appointed, in addition to his own duties, to officiate as Additional Sessions Judge in the Ratnagiri Sessions Division.

The Governor of Bombay is pleased to appoint Dr. Madhav Govind Pradhan to be Honorary Bacteriologist at the G. T. Hospital, Bombay, for a period of two years with effect from the date on which he takes charge of his duties.

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SWARAJYA SABHA MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Swarajya Sabha which was adjourned for want of quoram, will be held to-morrow (Sunday), at 9 a.m. (S.T.) at the People's Jinnah Hall.

BALKAN-JI-BARI

The Khar Balkan-Ji-Bari Children of the All-India Children's Association will go to visit the Aerodrome at Vile Parle to-morrow (Sunday). They will start from the Municipal Tamil School, Khar at 7-45 a.m.

B.P.C.C. LABOUR SUB-COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Labour Sub-Committee will be held to-day (Saturday), at 7-30 p.m. (S.T.) at the Congress Labour Office, Sham Bhuvan near Parel Tram Terminus.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS

The O. S. K. Steamer "Jaijin Maru" left Moji on March 28 and is due to arrive in Bombay on April 23 via Singapore, Penang and Colombo.

BOMBAY ANDHRA MAHA SABHA

A social gathering on the occasion of the celebration of the New Year's day will be held at the New premises of the Mahasabha Kuvarkunj, first Road Parsi Colony Dadar to-day (Saturday), at 5-30 p.m. (S.T.).

AMUSEMENT OF THE DAY

LAMINGTON—"Lularoo Lalna" Daily at 5, 7-45 and 10-45 p.m. Matinee, to-day and to-morrow at 2 p.m.
EXCELSIOR—"Bulldog Drummond's Revenge" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
REGAL—"Tarzan's Revenge" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
EROS—"The Frog" Daily at 6-30 and 10 p.m. Matinee, to-day and to-morrow at 3-30 p.m.
CAPITOL—"Wise Girl" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
OPERA HOUSE—"Jwala" Daily at 5-15, 8 and 10-45 p.m. Matinee, to-day and to-morrow at 2-30 p.m.
PATHE—"Victoria The Great" Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m. Sunday morning show at 10 a.m.
WELLINGTON—"Love is a Headache" Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
WEST-END—"300 Days and After" Daily at 5-15, 8 and 10-45 p.m. Matinee, to-day and to-morrow at 2-30 p.m.
MINERVA—"Mitha Zahar" Daily at 5-15, 8 and 10-45 p.m. Matinee, to-day and to-morrow at 2-30 p.m.
KRISHNA—"Daughter of Himalayas" Daily at 5-15, 8 and 10-45 p.m. Matinee, to-day and to-morrow at 2-30 p.m.
IMPERIAL—"Ushne KyaSocha" Daily at 5-15, 8 and 10-30 p.m. Matinee, to-day and to-morrow at 2-30 p.m.
MAJESTIC—"Kanhopatra" Daily at 5-15, 8 and 10-45 p.m. Matinee, to-day and to-morrow at 2-30 p.m.
BROADWAY—"Night Key" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
CENTRAL—"Kunku" Daily at 5, 8 and 11 p.m. Matinee, to-day and to-morrow at 2 p.m.
PLAZA—"Chandrarao More" Daily at 5, 7-45 and 10-30 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 2-15 p.m.
SUPER—"Garib-ki-Tope" Daily at 5-15, 8 and 10-45 p.m. Matinee, to-day and to-morrow at 2-25 p.m.

GANDHARVA MAHA VIDYALAYA

A public concert will be held to-day (Saturday), at 9-30 p.m. Ben-Hom-Hall Lane, Girgaon.

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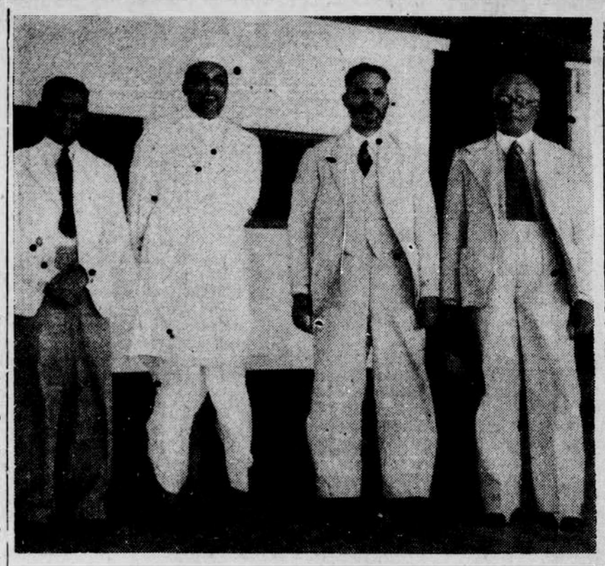

Sir M. Zafrulla Khan, Commerce Member, Government of India, who had been to England in connection with the trade negotiations, arrived in Bombay on Thursday by s.s. "Viceroy of India". He is seen in the picture (third from left) with Sir Purshottamdas Thakurdas on his left and Mr. Kasturbhai Lalbhai on his right.

Appreciation Of Mr. Killedar's Services

At the meeting of the Schools Committee held on Thursday, appreciative references were made by members to the services rendered during the year by Mr. Mahomed Musa Killedar, Chairman of the Committee.

BOMBAY PRARTHANA SAMAJ

In connection with the 71st Anniversary of the Bombay Prarthana Samaj, Dr. Kashibai Nowrange will conduct the Divine Service for ladies on Saturday the 2nd April 1938 at 4 p.m., and on Sunday the 3rd April 1938 at 5-30 p.m., Mr. D. G. Vaidya will conduct the Divine Service in the Prarthana Mandir, Girgaum.

THE GOKHALE EDUCATION SOCIETY

The prize-distribution ceremony of the Ramchandra M. Bhatt High School, will be held to-day (Saturday), at 6 p.m. (S.T.) in the School Assembly Hall, when Mr. V. N. Chandavarker, B.A. (Cantab.) Bar-at-law, J. P. Vice-Chancellor, University of Bombay, will preside and distribute the prizes.

B.P.C.C. SPECIAL MEETING

A special requisition meeting of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee will be held on Monday, the 4th April 1938, at 7-30 p.m (S.T.) at the Congress House.

Immediately after the above special meeting, there will be another special general meeting of the Committee at the same place.

MARKETING OFFICERS' CONFERENCE

The Fourth Marketing Officers' Conference between the Central Marketing Staff and the Senior Marketing Officers in Provinces and Major States will be held from April 11 to 14 in the Old Secretariat Buildings (Assembly Hall), Delhi. Sir Bryce C. Burt, Vice Chairman, Imperial Council of Agricultural Research, will open the conference.

FELLOWSHIP SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY

The Fellowship School is going to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the school and the past students of the school are invited to tea at the school to-day (Saturday), at 4-30 p.m. when the programme of celebrations and ways in which past students can cooperate with the school will be discussed.

THE AKKALKOTE MORVI SHRI SWAMY SAMARTHA MAHA MANDAL KARYALAYA

Under the auspices of the above Mandal Shri Swamy Jayanti Mahotsav will be celebrated to-day (Saturday) at the Kahtriya Dnyati Nivas Bungalow, at the corner of Kahtriya Dnyati Nivas Bungalow corner of Girgaum Tram Terminus junction. Bombay No. 4.

All are cordially invited to attend the programme are partake of Teertha and Prasadam without fail.

THE ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE OVERSEAS

His Excellency the Governor of Bombay will carry out his annual inspection of the Bombay Divisions of St. John Ambulance Brigade Overseas today (Saturday) at 5-45 p.m. on the Cooperage Football Ground.

Following the inspection a display in Nursing and First Aid will be demonstrated by the members of the Brigade. His Excellency will thereafter distribute prizes and awards to the officers and members earned during the past year. The public are invited to witness this inspection and display.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE NEWS.

Maharaj-Kumar and Maharaj-Kumar Rani Karamjit Singh of Kapurthala, Mr. and Mrs. P. Symington and Mr. A. McIntosh lunched at Government House on Friday.

The Governor of Bombay and Lady Lumley attended a Tea Party given by the Mayor of Bombay at the Corporation Hall on Friday.

The Governor of Bombay and Lady Lumley attended a Gala Dinner at the Taj Mahal Hotel in aid of the King-Emperor's Anti-Tuberculosis Fund on Friday.

BAND AT THE VICTORIA GARDENS

The ex-Service Town Band (I. A.), will play under the Directorship of Mr. E. Strip, a programme of Music at the Victoria Gardens, Byculla-Bombay, to-day (Saturday) commencing from 6 to 8 p.m., (S. T.).

D. K. KARVE'S 81st BIRTH-DAY FUND

Jt. Secretaries Prof. D. K. Karve's 81st Birth-Day Celebration Committee, (Bombay) writes:-

"The following have donated to the purse fund in connection with the "Prof. D. K. Karve's 81st Birth-day celebrations in Bombay:—

Mr. S. S. Patkar Rs. 100; Mrs. Ramabai Bakale Rs. 100; Mrs. Krishnabai Mote Rs. 101; Dr. K. S. Mhaskar Rs. 100; Dr. Miss J. Jirhad Rs. 100; Mr. S. G. Velinkar Rs. 100; Messrs. Deoji Dharsi and Sons Rs. 101.

Donations collected by Mrs. Vimalabai Gore, at Lucknow, Cawnpore and Allahabad Rs. 216; "J" Rs. 101;; Donations from Akola, through Mrs. H. the Nizam of Hyderabad (Dn.) Durgabai Joshi, Akola Rs. 101; H. E. Rs. 100.

Including various sums below Rs. 100, and the total of previous donations, viz., Rs. 6,065, the grand total now stand at Rs. 7,234.

In addition to the above, Prof. H. R. Divekar, Ujjain has offered as donation on certain conditions an insurance policy of Rs. 3,000.

Tobacco Merchants' Sabha

The Honourable the Revenue Minister, Mr. Morarji Desai paid a short visit to the Tobacca Warehouse in Bombay on the 1st April 1938 at 8-30 a.m., when he was received and garlended on behalf of the Bombay Country Tobacco Warehouse Merchants' Sabha.

BOOKS ON INDIAN STATES

Valuable publications on the Problem of Indian States at sale on reduced price "The Congress Policy Towards States" is a book just published and contains a comprehensive survey of the development of the Congress Policy from 1894 to the latest session at Haripura. It can be had from the All-India States' People's Conference, P. O. Box No. 62, Bombay. It is priced at annas four.

CONGRESS SOCIALIST PARTY MEETING

Under the auspices of the Bombay Congress Socialist Party, a public meeting will be held to-day (Saturday) at 5-30 p.m., near Colaba Mill to explain to the workers: Labour under Congress Ministry and to demand rent reduction legislation.

Mr. M. R. Masani will preside and among the speakers will be: Messrs. Asoka Mehta, G. R. Jore, F. M. Pinto and T. S. More.

MATUNGA ARYA SAMAJ

On Saturday 2nd inst., at 7-30 p.m., (S. T.), a meeting will be held in Arya Samaj when lectures will be delivered by several speakers.

INDIAN CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

Mr. B. B. Chakranarayan M.L.A., will Speak upon "Indian Christians and the Present Political Situation", at the Nagpada Neighbourhood House Byculla, at 9 p.m.

BAHA'IS OF BOMBAY:

Miss Martha L. Root of New York, will give a public lecture to-morrow evening at 6-0 p.m., (S. T.), in the Dr. Sir Jiwanji Modi Memorial Hall (K. R. Cama Oriental Institute) opposite the Government Dockyard, Apollo Street, on "The Baha'i Faith from the Viewpoint of Oriental Scholars" and Mrs. Shirin Fozdar will sing devotional poems of Qurratu'l-'Ayn when Mr. Jamnadas Mehta will preside.

THE EAST INDIA COTTON ASSOCIATION LIMITED

The East India Cotton Association's Reception in honour of the members of the Bombay Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council at 2-30 p.m., to-day at the Cotton Exchange, Marwari Bazar and afterwards at about 4-30 p.m. at the Cotton Green Building, Sewri.

ASTHIKA SAMAJ

In connection with Sree Rama Navami Festival, there will be Musical Entertainment by the South Indian Education Society School Girls under the Guidance of Sjt. B. Jalpesan at 5 p.m. and musical entertainment by Vidwan Yegneswara Bhagavathar with suitable accompaniments at 9 p.m. today the 2nd April 1938. All are cordially invited to attend.

TALK OF THE SUBURBS

(BY A SUBURBAN MAN)

I would divert my attention to physical education. Physical Education is a matter that has not received the degree of attention that it definitely deserves in the suburbs. Primary education had made considerable headway.

From medical reports it is clear that the general physical standard of three-fourths of the school-going population of the suburbs is very low.

In most of the schools physical education is not considered as a very important subject and is left in the hands of incompetent teachers.

The two schools in the suburbs where such education is being given on proper lines are St. Andrews High School and St. Stanislaus High School, both in the Bandra area

ANNUAL BILLIARD TOURNAMENT

The Annual Billiard Tournament of the G. I. P. Railway Institute, Bandra will commence from Sunday (April 3).

This year, there is a good number of entries and a very keen contest is expected.

The winner of this tournament is to be awarded the "Mulleneux Shield" for the year 1938, presentec by Mr. H. J. Mulleneux, Chairman of the Social Sub-Committee of this Institute. Beside this he will be awarded a cup by the Institute.

The following is the draw for the first part of this tournament:—Mr. Marks vs. A. Curtis, B. Francis vs. Titus, S. Rodricks vs. Miranda, J. Cahill vs. J. Vessonker, A. L. Shortland vs. J. B. Rana, A. Godhino vs. D. Rana, B. Gonsalves vs. A. Tyeb, F. L'Souza vs. Primento, Knox, Bye.

TO-DAY'S WHIST DRIVE

To-day, starting at 8-30 p.m. the Institute is holding their first whist drive in their new premises, at the "Anchorage" Hill Road, Bandra.

The whist drive is open to members and their friends at a nominal entrance fee of 4 annas and 8 annas per head respectively. Handsome cash prizes will also be given.

HAND-MADE PAPER SALE

On the occasion of National Week which commence from 6th April, an appeal on behalf of Bhartiya Hast Nirmit Kagaz Vidyalaya is issued to all the lovers of Indian Home Industry that they should sell this hand-made paper like khadi. Last year an appeal was made from All-India Industry Association Wardha according to which this hand-made paper was also sold like khadi. We hope public will not forget to encourage the Home Industry.

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A YEAR OF AUTONOMY

The 1st of April was celebrated in Bombay and many other parts of the country as the Anti-Constitution Day. This day last year was brought into force the new Constitution but a year under it has in no way reconciled the country to it. Despite appearances to the contrary the year has only strengthened the determination of the Congress to end the Constitution as early as possible. If Federation is inflicted upon the country in defiance of its hostility towards it, that may well be the beginning of the end of a great deal more than the Constitution. For, as Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose remarked in his presidential address at Haripura, "on our success in resisting the imposition of Federation by the British Government will depend our immediate political future." And he added: "We have to fight Federation by all legitimate and peaceful means —not merely along constitutional lines—and in the last resort, we may have to resort to mass civil disobedience, which is the ultimate sanction we have in our hands. There can be little doubt that in the event of such a campaign being started in future, the movement will not be confined to British India, but will spread among the States' subjects." Who that sees the march of events in the country can say that these words are hasty or alarmist?

The Crucial Test

"It is obvious that the next stage in our struggle for independence is not far off. And it is necessary we should prepare ourselves thoroughly and fast enough for it. The questions are asked: Are we really preparing seriously and fast enough for our next forward march or are we only resting on the oars and only deceiving ourselves with the thought we are preparing? The crucial test of the present position is whether the work of Congress Ministers is increasing the prestige and strength of the Congress and rallying the masses more and more to it? Whatever might have been the doubts in this behalf in the minds of those who at first opposed office acceptance, almost all Congressmen are now agreed that Congress Ministers' work is steadily and surely consolidating the position of the Congress all over the country and that, when the time comes for mass action again, the masses will be the stronger for the present stage of consolidation and will respond even more loyally to the Congress call than they ever did before. This view has been endorsed even by such sturdy opponents of office acceptance as the last Congress President and the present one. Indeed, there could be no two opinions on the point, considering the inevitable effect upon the masses of the Congress Government's work for them. A proof positive of the increased strength and prestige of the Congress is the surrender of the Governor-General to its demands in respect of the release of political prisoners.

Defects

It is not to be understood from all this that the Congress position is all that it should be. There are several defects therein which demand serious and prompt attention. In the first place the Congress as an organisation is not as united and efficient a body as it can be and needs to be. In many places its work is considerably handicapped by personal and party prejudices. With regard to the internal organisation of the Congress the Congress President said in his Presidential address: "Have we got a well-disciplined Volunteer Corps for this purpose? Have we got a cadre of officers for our national service? Do we provide any training for our budding leaders, for our promising young workers? The answers to these questions are too patent to need elaboration. We have not yet provided all these requirements of a modern political party, but it is high time that we did. A disciplined volunteer corps, manned by trained officers is exceedingly necessary. Moreover, education and training should be provided for our political workers so that we may produce a better type of leaders in future." These necessary suggestions have yet to be carried out. For want of well trained workers, rural uplift work, barring that achieved by Congress Governments and bodies like the All-India Village Industries Association, Spinner's Association, and Gandhi Seva Sangh, is more talked of by Congressmen than actually done. Above all, the communal problem is still nearly as unsolved as it ever was. A grim reminder of this fact was furnished to the whole country by the recent communal riots. They have led Gandhiji to demand the early establishment of a "non-violent army of volunteers" to work for communal amity "as well in times of peace as of disturbances." We trust he will take up this matter at once with the Working Committee which is now meeting at Calcutta. A great scheme as this is, it is not enough to solve the whole communal problem. The negotiations, already commenced, for a political settlement, should be kept up till at least a tentative settlement is reached, acceptable to all the parties concerned. Unless this is done it cannot be said that the country is wholly prepared for the last stage in its struggle for complete independence.

Ridiculous Defence

There are very few in this world who will be deceived by the apologia of Lord Halifax for the present Foreign Policy of Great Britain and his efforts to give good and grandiose names to a policy of abject surrender and cynical betrayal. Indeed in the context of recent events, to say nothing of those of the last few years, Lord Halifax' solemn efforts merely emphasise the ridiculousness and hypocrisy of what, we have no doubt he earnestly meant to defend. Lord Halifax claimed identity of views on behalf of the whole English nation. It is amazing that he should have forgotten not only the Labour Party, not only the Liberal Party and men like Mr. Lloyd George but also the Churchills and Edens among the Tories themselves.

He went on to ridicule imaginary demands that England should intervene in world affairs and "change the order, different from our own, into something which we could recognise as English." The untruth of this statement is so glaringly obvious that one wonders how Lord Halifax made it. The charge against British Foreign policy is that it is consciously and openly conniving at the spread, by shockingly aggressive and militant means, of a Fascist order over an innocent and helpless part of the world. And that is a true charge too. Finally, probably as a sop to world opinion, Lord Halifax threatened that Britain would "never be indifferent to aggression elsewhere." With recent instances still fresh in all minds, including the mind of the British statesmen, this threat bespeaks a naivete—to put it no worse—which is simply wonderful. The noble Lord has not only failed in his apologia, he has actually helped to add to the contempt in which British foreign policy is rightly held to-day.

Congress And Riots

As no human being is perfect, even so is no organisation perfect. Nor is the Congress an exception. It is in this context only that Congress certainly is responsible for these riots as Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru says in his statement on communal disturbances. But while it is the duty of the Congress to strive to achieve as quickly as possible a position in which will be a bulwark *par excellence* of peace, the difficulties of Congress have also to be taken into account. It is, of course, tragic that a few "goondas" should paralyse whole cities. But we have also to remember the legacy that Congress administrations have inherited and the traditions which had been guiding the police up till now. It is in fact a compliment to the Congress administration that the riots were brought under control within a few days. One immediate necessity of the moment is to bring home to all concerned that goondaism and, this is even more important, incitement whether directly or indirectly do not pay. That is, however, not to say that Congress should neglect even for a single moment its higher duty. The only sure guarantee of peace is the influence of Congress over the whole people. Ways and means have to be found out to extend that influence to that section of the people also which is hostile to it.

ROYAL ASIATIC SOCIETY, BOMBAY

Need For More Public Support

(BY J. C. DARUVALA)

Every big city is proud of its majestic buildings and institutions, particularly of its public institutions like Museums and Art Galleries, but no modern city is complete in both the cultural and civic sense without a really good library that comes up to the mark, particularly in respect of reference and other volumes necessary for research. The British Museum is a classic example of the type, and apart from the invaluable assistance it gives to scholarly work and research, it has been the inspiration of some of the greatest English authors whose taste for literature has started and grown within its precincts.

Without referring to various smaller libraries, though even these are none too sufficient in number, that play their essential roles in the general civic progress of the city of Bombay, the two larger institutions stand out clearly, the J. N Petit Library and the Library and Reading Rooms of the Bombay Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society. The former is undoubtedly a very popular institution but, without implying any reflection on this very deserving and great library, it serves the interest of the public in general, but does not give the same facilities for academic research that is provided by the latter. They both fulfil definite needs, both equally deserve public support, but their spheres of action differ.

Facilities For Research

The Bombay Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society is one of the oldest of learned Societies in Bombay. In a sense it is a replica in miniature of the famous British Museum. Apart from its Library and Reading Rooms, it carries on various other activities, like the publication of a Journal devoted to research on oriental subjects, examining and distributing treasure troves, etc. The Library possesses various rare and costly volumes, and hence gives exceptional facilities for research, and is taken advantage of by scholars. University research students working on these, educationists and the public generally. The Reading rooms too are ideal for the purpose, quiet, cool and extensive. The position and standing of the Society entitles it to most of the important scholarly publications and journals from all over the world in exchange for its own, and those not thus available are purchased. Undoubtedly it is rather an exclusive library used more by scholars and educationists, and does not cater to popular demands, but such an institution is essential for cultural and scholarly progress. An institution of this type can hardly be expected to be self-supporting, and though it gets a small Government grant of Rs. 3,600 a year the position of the Society is not financially satisfactory.

Public Support

A library of this type certainly deserves public support, and has a clear claim on Government and philanthropic trusts. Scholarly contributions and research are national, not individual assets, and it is the nation that should foster such research and bear the cost of it. Material gain is not what a scholar looks forward to, and if he looks to the enhancement of his own reputation in a sense he looks forward to the enhancement of the scholarly reputation of the nation. Financial stringency means less books, and even absolutely essential volumes may have to be left out for lack of funds, and thus decrease the facilities for research.

The Wadia Charities formerly made a grant to the Society and one earnestly hopes the trustees will see their way to restore the same and thus help a really deserving cause. The Government of Bombay are now taking a real and live interest in Education, and hence it would not be expecting too much if an appeal is made to them to increase the grant that is being given at present, to double it if possible, as the Society sponsors and furthers a phase of activities that are definitely educational in the truest sense of the word. One hopes support from other sources too will be forthcoming to maintain an institution that will do credit to the city.

THE WORLD & ITS WAYS

Inside Japan; Saving Art Treasures In Spain; Fascist Youth

Through Nofrontier News Services

TOKYO (Uncensored).—There is a clear Fascist trend in Japan supported by the Government. There is, however, some reason to question whether all the members of the Cabinet, or even the Prime Minister himself, really welcome the tendency.

The great public demonstrations in honour of Italy and Germany must be greatly discounted. While many individuals among the students and other groups are no doubt genuinely enthusiastic, all of them have to attend the demonstrations whether they want to or not. Opposition to Italy during the Abyssinian campaign was widespread and I believe sincere. I greatly doubt whether any large proportion of the people have changed their opinion of Mussolini, though, of course in war time support from any quarter is usually welcome.

I have a feeling that, in spite of Araki's statement, no early attack on Russia by Japan is likely. The authorities here seem to be sure that an attack by Russia is equally unlikely. On the other hand, of course, the military are constantly thinking of an ultimate Russo-Japanese war as shown again by the occupation of North China.

Saving Art Treasures

Valencia.—War is no respecter of art treasures. The Spanish Government, however, has appointed a Committee for the Preservation of Artistic Treasures which has saved much art from destruction. After the recent fighting at Teruel, in which famous old towers and the Cathedral were used as fortifications, the Committee investigated the damage done. It found the four famous towers in Mudejar style still standing, though damaged. The interior of the cathedral suffered most, particularly the Mudejar masterpieces in wood and stone. On the whole, however, the damage done is not as great as might be expected.

A War Resister's Mother

LONDON.—The War Resisters' International reports that 469 of its members are at present in prison, generally under heavy sentences, for refusal to undertake military service. A case history of one of these, replete with human interest, is contained in a letter addressed by the mother of Michael Bryl, Polish anti-militarist, to the President of the District Military Court, before whom her son was tried.

I am the mother of Michael Bryl (the illiterate mother dictated to her youngest son), who must shortly appear before the Military Court in order to be tried for refusing military service, on account of his religious convictions.

I have no intention whatever to ask you to have some pity for him, but will only put before you the evidence of his honesty, uprightness and steadfastness of the resolution he has taken.

Of course, as his mother, I know him better than anyone else can. I know that since he began to understand and think, in whatever decision he made he placed this decision higher than everything else, even above his love for me and the family, and he was for all that a devoted and loving son.

Five years ago there appeared what was at first a remarkable but joyful change in him. He was constantly reading. At my request he formed the habit of telling me what he had been reading, or he read it to me—and then I became convinced, to my great joy, that he was reading religious books. So the name of Leo Tolstoy became known to me, from whose books—penetrating right to the heart—the voice sounded which calls us to the love of God's Truth, of our neighbours, and for all that lives. My son, who was then a lad of 17 or 18, began more and more to be sharply distinguished from others of his age.

When he was 21, he appeared before the Recruiting Commission and explained straightforwardly and plainly that he would not serve as a soldier because he loved his neighbours and therefore could not learn to murder them.

In March this year (1937) he was called up for actual military service. That was a very hard blow for me, for I knew his honesty and the inflexibility of his character; I knew that he would rather go to prison or even worse, but he would not be a soldier; and this meant for me —an invalid who may die any day, an old woman of 65—that I must say good-bye to him for ever. So I did that. I said good-bye to him for ever, and blessed him for taking the most holy of all courses.

Now I am striving to overcome all a mother's sorrow in myself and collecting all my strength in order to live in a spiritual serenity, for I know that my dear child acts well—even as Christ would act, whose will he fulfills and to whom I am daily expecting my return.

I repeat once more: I am not asking for mercy for him, but only bear witness that he does what he does honestly and with determination; that no one and nothing will be able to compel him to do otherwise; and that all the penalties to which he will be exposed will not bring the result which those who punish him desire.

I, as his mother, know that better than anyone.

Zagorze, Poland.

Signed, at the request of an illiterate mother, by her youngest son, Nikolaus Bryl.

Fascist Youth

PRAGUE—There is something ominous in the official German reports on juvenile and youth delinquency and crime (ages 14 to 18) which show an increase of 40 per cent in three years. The figures are 6,751 for 1934 and 9,954 for 1936.

Germany witnessed a similar rise of juvenile delinquency once previously. That was in the depression years 1931 and 1932. At that time there were also nearly 10,000 youths before the courts, of which number about 3,000 (about 30 per cent) were driven to crime by hunger and poverty. To-day only 934 youths (less than 10 per cent) are motivated in their lawlessness by economic distress. The

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FRANKLY SPEAKING

U. S. A. AND MEXICO.

Americans have made a virtue of necessity. Mr. Cordell Hull has declared his acknowledgement of the right of the Mexican Government to expropriate foreign interests in Mexico's oil property in return for "adequate compensation." This is a fair position and sensible position for it is likely to serve real American interests better than a quarrel with the Socialist regime. As a later message suggests if President Cardenas is forced out of office, a Fascist regime will succeed the present. The United States Government will, therefore, do well to resist demands of its own oil interests to intensity pressure on President Cardenas. It is a wise policy to encourage Liberal, democratic regimes in Latin America because the domination of that part by Fascism will play havoc with the internal condition of the U. S. A. Britain, of course, will be disappointed by the position taken up by the U.S.A. Government; she has been isolated and perhaps rendered incapable of doing some material service to her new master, International Fascism.

EGYPTIAN ELECTIONS.

Disturbances and actual riotings culminating frequently in firing on the crowds, have marked the Egyptian campaign which has just closed. Those who are familiar with the history of the struggle between the Nationalist Wafd and its reactionary opponents—to say nothing of the British power in Egypt—know also the consistency and the methods by which the Wafd has been sought to be suppressed. With this knowledge it is not difficult to realise that the events during the last compaign are an expression of wide public resentment against the Government which is in power to-day. The people of Egypt are unquestionably with the Wafd. Yet, says a Cairo message, "reports from provincial Governors indicate that to-day's elections in Upper Egypt have gone in favour of the Government." One need not doubt that the Government have gone all out regardless of fairplay, and their duty to democracy to win. What we wonder is whether they have done all they have undoubtedly done of their own accord or whether they were also inspired from outside.

COMMENDABLE LEAD

The Bill regarding the separate classification and treatment of political prisoners, which has been introduced in the C. P. Legislature represents the first attempt to solve this critical national problem. The demand for according suitable consideration to those who have broken the law of the land solely out of patriotic motives is of a very long standing and has a chequered career behind it. The present classification of prisoners which was made following the martyrdom of Jatin Das has adroitly evaded the main issue by being made applicable to all prisoners indiscriminately. It can even be said that instead of solving the problem, the new rules have actually complicated it still further, as the present division, which is based purely on social standing, has created an arbitrary discrimination among politicals which is widely resented. The provisions of the Bill prepared by the C. P. Congress Ministry are clear-cut and straightforward. They satisfy most of the demands made on behalf of the political prisoners and will be welcomed on all hands. We have no doubt that this most commendable lead given by the C. P. Government will be soon followed by the other Congress administrations in the country.

U.P. GOVERNMENT'S TENANCY LAWS.

It is reported that the U.P. Government's Tenancy Laws are felt by Zamindars as going too far in making concessions to tenants and by the latter as not going far enough. That is natural when the Government deliberately refuse to go to extremes. It is permissible to hope that dispassionate discussion will narrow down the difference between the two interests. And then a small representative conference and a few adjustments by the Government may bring about a settlement, as was the case recently in Bihar. It will be well for the tenants in particular to stand by the Congress Government in any case. The Congress cannot possibly afford to ignore their legitimate interests. Moreover, the present laws are far from being a final stage in determining their relations with Zamindars.

BOMBAY'S ORIENTAL TRANSLATOR.

After twenty-nine years of service Mr. J. E. Sanjana, Oriental Translator to the Government of Bombay, has just retired on pension. Few occupants of the post since the days of Sir Mirza Abbas Ali Baig possessed the qualifications required for the due discharge of its responsibilities, in so eminent a degree as Mr. Sanjana did. But it is unfortunate that his great abilities remained unrecognised for several years and it was only last year that he was appointed as Oriental Translator after he had passed the age of retirement. Unassuming and conscientious in his work he has earned the esteem and affection of all those who came into contact with him.

WITHOUT COMMENT—

"There is something more than sweet rasonableness in the English character. There is something a good deal tougher and more robust, and something that will always have to be reckoned with if our reasonableness is misunderstood."

—Lord Halifax.

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The Raja of Parlakimedi, zemindar and ex-interim Premier of Orissa who called on Gandhiji the other day, was clad in khaddar and presented a purse of 1,000 rupees.

He would, oh, he would.

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The Maharaja of Burdwan has disapproved of the suggestion that landholders should join hands with the Congress.

Thanks ever so many for this relief.

Moreover, we don't want Congress to be converted into a musical comedy by chorus girls of the British Empire.

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We learn from an Anglo-Indian report that "Sir A. M. K. Dehlavi and Mr. Khan started quoting poetry at each other" during the debate on the Municipal Bill.

Good thing they didn't quote the scriptures at each other although it was, as you know, a seriously Islam-in-danger question.

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Sir A. M. K. Dehlavi declared that if Muslims "stuck" to the Communal Award, they did like "a drowning man who stuck to a feeble plank."

What a "plank" oh what a "plank"!

By the way, the Muslim League leader, you notice, did not say "straw."

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PALESTINE INQUIRY

Mr. T. Reid Appointed Fourth Member

—Headline.

With four members repesenting the Mandatory at least a fifth should be added to the committee to represent the World Zionist Congress. Then alone will the personnel be fair and complete.

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It is reported that the first results of elections in Egypt record a victory for the Gove nment.

We do not wonder. And then it is only fair that the present Egyptian Government should be compensated for—er—the troubles and worries that they and the police have recently been put to.

Moreover these are times of grave emergency. A menace is threatening the Emp—we mean Egypt and Nahas Pasha is, at least, strictly a Nationalist.

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"The Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax, had one hour's talk at the Foreign Office with Mr. Winston Churchill, who had returned from Paris. The feeling was expressed in Westminster that Mr. Churchill's visit to France had served a useful purpose"—Reuter.

The much more material question is whether Mr. Churchill's visit to the British Foreign Office has served any useful purpose.

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A report says that "General Sir Edmund Ironside has been appointed Governor and Commander-in-Chief in Gibraltar."

Which reminds us that General Franco has already appointed General What's his name as a prospective stiletto in the side of British Gibraltar.

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Signor Mussolini's reference to "the third great victorious campaign of the Empire in which I shall lead," has been characterised as "mysterious."

The mystery is that it is so plainly realistic.

Our Italics.

"He said that the troops which were recently engaged in suppressing the outbreaks in Waziristan were highly efficient and up to all intricacies of Frontier fighting. Whenever they met the Masoods and other turbulent elements they took them on and inflicted many more casualties than they themselves suffered. *That he remarked, was a very unusual thing in Frontier warfare.*

—Press report of an interview with Maj. Gen Sir Clement Milward.

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"Ever seen one of those machines that can tell when a fellow's lying?"

"Seen one? I married one."

Britons Believe In Stern Practicalities

Sane Process Of Thought And Reason, Their Only Guide.

Halifax Speaks On Outlook On Foreign Affairs

LONDON: March 31.

The Foreign Secretary, addressing the Foreign Press Association at a luncheon, in his honour said THE AVERAGE ENGLISHMAN'S OUTLOOK ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS WAS APT NOT INFREQUENTLY TO BE RATHER A PUZZLE TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE CONTINENTAL COUNTRIES.

It often seemed to many foreigners that the English were rather inscrutable and in times of crisis he thought they must be more inscrutable than usual because at such times they were apt to keep strict rein on their motions. But he ventured to think the English attitude toward foreign affairs was guided by perfectly sane process of thought and reason. In Britain they had throughout their long history been privileged to work out their future in their own way. They had come to adopt certain standards of conduct and of relations between individuals which they were inclined to regard as of general application. These standards sometimes failed and were discarded as unsuitable for political emergency and the English were apt when that occurred to be horrified and shocked.

"At such moments," continued Lord Halifax "voices are raised clamouring we should intervene in the disordered world to put everything straight and change the order different from our own into something which we could recognise as English. These voices are extremely loud at times and are I believe sincere but they are not a dominating factor in our foreign relations."

He went on to say, the British foreign policy as he understood it was not directed so much to tomorrow as to a later day of which sometimes outlines had not as yet taken definite shape. Therefore the British Government did not rush in with quick and hastily concocted remedies. They thought it wiser to allow the natural processes to do their work—doing what they could to reserve their standards at home. This attitude was based on sternly practical considerations. The English people had never remained and could ever remain aloof from what was happening in Europe. They had moments or moods in which they liked to persuade themselves they would like to keep out of it but when it came down to hard facts they were far too sensible to let those moods colour their judgment. One thing the English people disliked and distrusted and no one would have any success who tried it with them was to be told too clearly what was going to happen in advance. No matter how cogently such a one might argue he would never convince the English people to a point of action "I do not say he would always be wrong or the English people would be always be right. But I think that is a fact."

In conclusion the Foreign Secretary said "There is something more than sweet reasonableness in English character. There is something a good deal tougher and more robust and something that will always have to be reckoned with if our reasonableness is misunderstood. There is I think nothing weak in the desire to avoid war by exhausting every means diplomacy offers. There should be no misunderstanding however. I do not believe there is any misunderstanding. This nation to-day intends to be strong and to go on building up its strength in order that it may make its voice heard powerfully in counsels of Europe. No other country suspects us of any aggressive intention but it is no doubt right to make clear that we should never be indifferent to aggression elsewhere."

Police Chief Shot At

Faction Fight In Egyptian Election: 50 Persons Arrested

CAIRO, March 31.

There has been the worst election rioting at Tantah, home town of Nahas Pasha, where 700 of Nahas' supporters smashed a number of shops and damaged the British Consulate. The police have made a number of arrests.

The police Chief of Manfalut was shot and knifed at the back while trying to restore order during the faction fight.

Large forces of police and troops have been transferred to upper Egypt from lower Egypt where the polling will take place on Saturday. Fifty persons have been arrested prior to election for inciting violence.

611 candidates of whom 116 are of the Government coalition and 235 are Wafd, are contesting 264 seats.

An interesting feature in the election is the attitude of Sheikh Elmaraghi, Rector of the Alazhar University, who has made it clear that Islam is a powerful factor which any Government must carefully consider. The defeated candidates include the Ministers of Finance and Communications in Nahas Pasha's Cabinet, the Wafdist President of the Senate and Hafnieltarzi, Principal Wafd leader in Upper Egypt.—Reuter.

AZAD'S FRONTIER TOUR PROGRAMME

RAWALPINDI, March 30.

It is reliably learnt that Maulana Abul Kalam Azad will visit the Frontier Province early in May. He will devote himself to the task of reorganising the Provincial Congress Committee on the lines of the All-India Congress Committee. Accompanied by the "Frontier Gandhi", Maulana Azad will tour the province.—A. P.

LONDON, March 31.

After a lapse of several weeks the Chairman's Sub-Committee of the Non-Intervention Committee met but made little progress. The Secretary intimated that unles the Governments paid contributions within the next few weeks, it would be necessary to give notice to close down the scheme beginning in May.—Reuter.

Anglo-Italian Agreement

Palestine And Red Sea Question Believed To Be Solved

ROME, March 31.

It is understood that an agreement on principle has been reached on questions of Palestine and Red Sea at to-day's Anglo-Italian conversations.

It is believed that the Suez Canal question has not yet been broached. The experts are meeting again to-morrow.

Lord Perth will be seeing Count Ciano on April 2.—Reuter.

U. S. WILL BE ENTANGLED IN WAR

Hoover On European Attitude Towards America

WASHINGTON, March 31.

On his return from tour in Europe, ex-President Hoover addressing the Council on foreign relations advocated absolute independence of political action and adequate preparedness as the best means for keeping out another world war.

Hoover found most nations in Europe convinced that America would inevitably be drawn in the next as in the last war but they need to be convinced that our policy is to keep out of other peoples' wars. If the world is to keep peace then we must keep peace with dictatorships as well as with popular Governments.—Reuter.

UPPER EGYPT SOLID BY GOVT.

CAIRO, April 1.

The latest figures indicate that sentiment in Upper Egypt is in favour of the Government. Only two Wafdists have been returned out of 65 seats hitherto declared. Forty-five returns are outstanding. Reuter.

LONDON, March 31.

General Sir r Edmund Ironside has been appointed Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Gibraltar in succession to Sir Charles Harington who is vacating the post in October.—Reuter.

UNIVERSITY FOR FRONTIER

Central Assembly Recommends Special Grant

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structure of a University. Again taking the number of students from the Frontier in the Islamic College Peshawar it was very small fraction of the total, and on that basis also there was no immediate need for a University.

The Frontier Province besides the yearly subvention had also been relieved of debt charges amounting to 12 lakhs in addition to what it would get from the distributable surplus from the centre every year.

PRIMARY EDUCATION FIRST.

Sir Girja Sankar proceeded to refer to the present trend of educational opinion in favour of efforts being concentrated on reconstruction of education in the primary secondary stages rather upon the construction of new universities.

SPECIAL CLAIM.

Syed Murtaza Sahib said that no one grudged subvention being given to other provinces besides N. W. F. for a University but the Frontier had an importance which could not be gainsaid by anyone. The fanaticism of the Frontier had been now converted to patriotism and on the well-known principle that those who were healthy physically were healthy mentally also. He declared that if the people on the Frontier were given good education they should prove themselves better citizens than in any other part of India.

Capt. Sir Ahmed Nawaz Khan argued that primary and industrial education was wanted more than higher education and if the mover wanted more money for primary and technical education the speaker would support him.

YAMIN KHAN'S SUPPORT.

Sir Yamin Khan supporting the resolution agreed there undoubtedly was great need for technical education but that did not mean that higher education should not be given to the Frontier people.

As regards the argument that what was wanted was primary and secondary education. Had the Government done anything much in that direction? There were only five secondary schools in the tribal areas for a population of 2-1/2 millions. That was an eloquent commentary.

The resolution was passed without a division.—A.P.

INDO-BR. TRADE AGREEMENT

Mr. S. Satyamurti moved the following resolution:

"This Assembly recommends to the Governor-General in Council that no steps should be taken to conclude a fresh Indo-British Trade Agreement or any trade agreement of a similar nature without first consulting the Assembly."

Mr. Satyamurti, sitting spoke and said: "I merely express my earnest hope and conviction that the mute appeal of a sick man on behalf of his country will perhaps touch the hearts of my colleagues in this House better than the most eloquent speech, which can be made on behalf of this Resolution which I submit as a very modest and very reasonable one. It merely asks that Government shall conclude no Indo-British Trade Agreement without first consulting this Assembly."

UNDERTAKING IGNORED

Mr. K. Santanam briefly reviewed Government's undertakings in regard to consultation with the House and declared that if the so-called convention of Fiscal Autonomy was still alive, Government could not but act according to the resolution.

He referred in particular to Sir Zafrullah's declaration in 1936 in the Assembly that "While in other matters this House was suffering from a feeling of unreality in this matter of the Trade Agreement at least, this House must consider itself as fully responsible and should decide the matter accordingly." But later Government had evaded the question whether they would consult this House and last year in opposing Mr. Satyamurti's adjournment motion, the Government said they themselves had the entire responsibility in the matter and they were not bound to consult the House.

PLEA FOR CONSULTATION

Mr. Santanam contended that this Government was not responsible to the House but was bound to carry out the orders of the Secretary of State and that was all the greater reason why they should consult the House.

Mr. F. E. James while expressing sympathy with the spirit of the resolution wanted enlightenment as to what precise method the mover had in mind when he asked for consultation with the legislature. Did that mean that before the Government of India signed the agreement the text of it should be placed before the House and the Government should accept the verdict of the House? If that were so, Government could not possibly accept the resolution for constitutional reasons. The Government of India were not responsible to the legislature and the resolution would therefore amount to asking the executive to abdicate. Mr. James gave the assurance that if any method of consultation which would not affect the constitutional position of the executive could be pointed out, then his party would support the resolution.

Swami Venkatachalam Chetty supporting the resolution said that it arose from the very fact that the executive were irresponsible. If the Government were a responsible one, there would have been no need for the resolution. He pointed out the Government had assured the House during the discussion on the Ottawa Agreement two years ago that it would be consulted in matters of trade negotiation and the resolution simply asked that the Government of India should be guided by the views of the Assembly in matters affecting the interests of the country.

CAN IT BE FISCAL AUTONOMY?

Seth Govinddas made it clear that if the House asked that it should be taken into Government's confidence in this matter, it did not mean that the House had no confidence in the present non-official advisers in the Indo-British trade negotiations. These non-official advisers themselves had advised the Government to consult the legislature. What sort of fiscal autonomy was it, he asked, when the legislature was not consulted on these important trade negotiations?

Mr. N. M. Joshi said the meaning of the resolution was that when Government negotiated a treaty with Great Britain that treaty should be placed before the Legislature for its approval. The House which represented many interests in the country should also have an opportunity of expressing its opinion on the terms of the Treaty

DOW STATES GOVT.'S CASE

Mr. H. Dow, Commerce Secretary, responding to the suggestion that the Government spokesman should state its case at this stage, said he always felt there was a certain amount of unreality in a discussion of this nature. It was difficult for these major questions affecting the commerce department to be dealt with really on merit because, members opposite spoke not merely on the commercial, but the constitutional issue. He quoted Sir Joseph Bhore's declaration that it would be an impossible position if the responsibility for administration rested with the Government and they were required to accept and give effect to lines of policy laid down by a legislature which did not have the responsibility of carrying that policy out. Mr. Dow said that really lay at the root of the whole discussion. One result of having an irresponsible government was an irresponsible opposition.

Referring to the convention of fiscal autonomy, he said he understood it to mean that when the legislature and the Government of India were in agreement, the Secretary of State would not interfere or overrule them. Government, he claimed, had consistently acted upon that principle.

Mr. Jinnah: Supposing the Government conclude an agreement and supposing the legislature does not agree, what will happen?

Mr. Dow: Then the making of the treaty is an act of the executive Government.

Mr. Jinnah: Where then is the room for fiscal autonomy to work?

DOW ADMITS IT

Mr. Dow admitted in that case that there was no room for it. Referring to the implications of the resolution, he said some members had taken it to mean that Government should conclude an agreement but should bring it before the House before giving effect to it. That was not the working of the resolution but that seemed to be assumed by some speakers. He said in so far as the agreement involved raising of duties it was bound to be brought before the House.

MODY'S DOUBTS.

Sir H. P. Mody doubted if the phrasing of the resolution carried out the objective of the mover, whom incidentally the House was glad to hear again though for a brief while. If the resolution meant that before agreement was concluded the Government should take this House into their confidence and place the main lines of the proposed agreement and then go back and negotiate it, then the position from the constitutional point of view was impossible. But apart from the constitutional disabilities, there were practical objections to 144 people (members of the House) taking part in a negotiation of this kind.

Mr. Bajoria said what the House wanted was not that every detail of the agreement should be discussed by the House but it must be consulted on the general principles of the agreement.

ISSUE CLINCHED

Lala Shamlal said, Mr. James' attitude reminded him of the story of a Brahmin who, while accepting the gifts of a poor man said that he knew of his poverty and of the greater usefulness for these gifts to the man himself but that he accepted them for the sake of the man's spiritual welfare (laughter). He declared that the reason why Government did not want to place the agreement before the House was they knew it would not be a just agreement.

Dr. De Souza declared it might be constitutionally correct to say that the House had no right to ask for the agreement being placed before it. It might be impossible for the Government to take this House into their confidence before the agreement is concluded, but it was their moral duty to place the agreement when it was made before the House.

JINNAH CHEERED

Mr. M. A. Jinnah was cheered as he rose to speak for the first time this session. He referred sarcastically to the "brief period during which the Assembly enjoyed complete responsibility and passed a resolution asking the Government to terminate the Ottawa Agreement and Government carried that out."

Mr. Dow had said that fiscal autonomy came when the Government and the Legislature agreed, Mr. Jinnah asked: When shall we have the opportunity to agree with you or disagree with you? (cheers) Mr. Dow had also said Government were bound to place the agreement before the House when they wanted to increase the duty and then the House would have an opportunity of pronouncing upon the agreement. Mr. Jinnah asked if that was the point under discussion everyone knew that was the constitutional position. He conceded that under this hybrid constitution the Government need not come to the House before the agreement was concluded. "I can understand this position. But if you go further and take up the position that even after we conclude the agreement, we shall not place it before the House except when we want to increase the duty, that is an unreasonable position. "If you do not meet the demand made in the resolution believe me you will be doing the greatest possible harm to yourself. You will be confirming rumours and suspicions that are already abroad."

PASSED WITHOUT DIVISION

The resolution was put to vote and passed without a division.

Sardar Mangal Singh moved a resolution recommending that the birthdays of Guru Nanak and Guru Govindsingh be declared public holidays. Sardar Sant Singh and Mr. Lalchand Navalrai supported the resolution, while Mr. Coran-Smith opposing explained that the Central Government had delegated the power of declaring holidays to the Provinces. The resolution was negatived.

The House adjourned till Monday.—A. P.

Defence Of Lerida

LERIDA, April 1.

"To-day is our day of agony" declared the Commander of the shock troops defending the outskirts of Lerida. He added, that if they could hold out till tomorrow, they could hold out indefinitely, as the Government had promised supplies of materials for fortification to-night.—Reuter.

Prohibition Honours For Two Districts

Etah And Mainpuri In U. P. Go "Dry" From April 1

PREMIER PANT'S PLEA FOR CO-OPERATION BETWEEN OFFICIALS AND NON-OFFICIALS

LUCKNOW, April 1.

The first anniversary of the introduction of Provincial Autonomy in India was marked in the United Provinces by the launching of the Prohibition campaign.

TO GO "DRY"

The two districts of Etah and Mainpuri are the first to go "dry".

Mr. A. N. Sapru, the Excise Commissioner, is touring both districts to-day.

NEW ERA OPENS

The Premier, Pt. G. B. Pant, in a message, says: "To-day will ever be regarded as a memorable occasion in the annals of Mainpuri and Etah and the residents of those areas must feel proud in that the Government had done them an honour of selecting their districts for introducing the scheme of complete prohibition of intoxicants. It is a truism to say that liquor and drugs work havoc in the health, resources and morals of those, who are addicted to them. The poor, specially, are great sufferers on that account. A new era has been ushered into existence to-day and I sincerely hope that it will result in making life cleaner, happier and healthier. The Congress and practically every other school of thought in this country stand for complete abstinence. Our religious traditions and social usage point the same way. Let us now concentrate on this campaign of social uplift and pave the way for the extension of the scheme to the whole Province. I appeal to both officials and non-officials to join hands in this noble endeavour and leave no stone unturned in order to make it a perfect success."

It is understood that besides sanctioning money as grants to certain Temperance Associations, instructions had been issued to the Collectors of the two Districts to explain to the people at public meetings the Government's policy of Prohibition and to carry on temperance propaganda.—A.P.

Future Of Permanent Settlement

Bengal Government Appoints Commission To Overhaul Land Revenue System

CALCUTTA, April 1.

A resolution by the Goverment of Bengal in the Revenue Department (Land Revenue) says that a Commission has been Appointed to examine the existing Land Revenue System of Bengal.

FIRST STEP

It adds the Government of Bengal have already taken steps to redress some of the most urgent grievances of Agricultural tenants by introducing a bill (the Bengal Tenancy Amendment Bill, 1937) which has been passed with some modifications by the Legislative Assembly and which the Legislative Council has now passed.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Commission will be authorised to undertake generally an examination of the existing Land Revenue System of Bengal in its various aspects with special reference to the Permanent Settlement; to estimate the effect of the system on the economic and social structure of Bengal, and its influence on the revenues and administrative machinery of the Provincial Government, to appraise the advantages and disadvantages of the existing system, and to advise what modifications, if any, can and should be effected.

The Commission will be non-political and representative of various interests likely to be affected. It should also include technical experts.

CHOICE OF CHAIRMAN

At the request of his Ministers, the Governor of Bengal has been able to secure as Chairman of the Commission on the services of Sir Francis Floud, the High Commissioner in Canada which post he resigns for this purpose. He is expected to take the Chairmanship in September next.

The resolution adds that the collection and arrangement of materials for this Commission have been going on steadily for some months.—A.P.

FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING CANCELLED

ANGORA, April 1.

Because of the delicate European situation, the meeting of the Foreign Ministers of Turkey, Iran, Iraq and Afghanistan arranged in late April at Kabul has been cancelled.—Reuter.

Surprise For Nariman

Travancore Court Refuses Permission To Plead Due To Conviction

TRIVANDRUM, April 1.

When the sedition case against Mr. Narayan Pillai came up this morning before the Additional Sessions Judge, Mr. K. F. Nariman applied for permission to appear in the case with the power of attorney.

The Advocate-General objected to Mr. Nariman's appearance and filed an affidavit that he was convicted for political offences and his arrival had created political sensation and the District Magistrate had prohibited him from addressing public meetings in Trivandrum.

Mr. Nariman refuted the suggestion that political convictions disabled one to practise at the Bar and added that those of his colleagues, who were convicted along with him, were holding reins of Government of Provinces bigger than Travancore and controlling Advocates-General.

The Court pronounced orders disallowing the Application of Mr. Nariman to appear with the power of an attorney, on ground of antecedents.

The accused presented a statement withdrawing from the defence.

Mr. Nariman's future programme is unknown.—United Press.

Ex-City Police Chief Dead

LONDON, April 1.

The death has occurred of Sir John Thomas Davies and Mr. Hartley Kennedy.—Reuter.

(Sir Thomas Davies was Governor of Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester. Mr. Hartely Kennedy was Commissioner of Police Bombay 1899-1904.)

Council Of State

Trade Disputes Bill Passed

SAPRU'S PLEA FOR HUMANITY TOWARDS LABOUR

Parker's Amendment Accepted

NEW DELHI, April 1.

The Council of State met to-day after a week's recess. On relinquishing his appointment as Commerce Member, Sir Mohammed Yakub took seat as a nominated member of the Council. Others, who took oath to-day, were Mr. A. G. Clow and Mr. Shantidas Askuran, who has been elected vice Sir Prabhashankar Pattani (Deceased).

PRESIDENT'S CONGRATULATIONS.

At the outset the President on behalf of the Council and himself tendered hearty congratulations to Sir Thomas Stewart and Mr. A. G. Clow on their appointments as Governor of Bihar and Member for Communications respectively. Both these officials were distinguished members of the Council and discharged their duties with conspicuous ability.

Mr. Clow thanked the President for the kind words said about him.

The Secretary then placed on the table three official bills passed in the Assembly and also Mr. B. Das's Bill to amend the Sarda Act. Mr. V. Ramdas Pantulu, leader of the Congress Group, has signified his intention to pilot the Sarda Act.

TRADE DISPUTES BILL.

Mr. Clow in moving the consideration of the Trade Disputes Act Amendment Bill as passed by the Assembly stressed the importance of taking all reasonable steps to secure harmony in Industry. He mentioned that during the last twelve months there had been more strikes in India than in any corresponding period previously except in 1920-21. While he hoped that the number was inflated by causes that would prove to be temporary, he suggested that an improvement in industrial relations generally was most desirable.

MUTUAL FRIEND.

The tribunals that would be appointed under the Trade Disputes Act could not be established in the early stages of a dispute and inevitably tended to start working, when the parties were already ranged in opposite camps and when agreement was difficult to secure. Conciliation officers for whose appointment the bill provided could by acting as the friend of both parties and mediating before antagonism had been aroused should be able to prevent many disputes from resulting in a rupture of relations.

EQUAL PROTECTION NECESSARY.

Mr. P. N. Sapru criticised several provisions of the Bill, in particular he did not agree that waterways and tramways could be classed as public utility services. Unless the State had adequate control over them they were essentially run for private profit. What was needed was not declaring of any form of strikes illegal, but a reform of the capitalist system with a tinge of humanity towards labour.

In India strikes were often brought about by the capitalists ignoring the just demands of labour and very often repressive powers were used against labour. Mr. Sapru agreed that the weapon of strikes should be used with restraint, but the Government if it wished the welfare of the community as a whole should afford equal protection both to labour and capitalist.

NO IMPROVEMENT.

Mr. Hossain Imam opined that the success or failure of this measure would depend on the class of conciliation officers appointed by the Government. These officers should be able to command the confidence of labour. He thought that the Bill as it stood was not much of an improvement on the original Act.

Mr. Kalikar supported the Bill. He said that he was interested neither in labour nor in capitalist and he had seen several strikes in Nagpur, many of which were not in the interest of labour and could have been avoided. After seeing the number of labour legislation during the last few years, he concluded that the Government was giving more importance to the labour than to the capitalists. He hoped that this Bill when passed would go a long way in promoting industrial peace in the country.

PANTULU'S SUPPORT.

Sir David Devadoss and Mr. Ramdas Pantulu also supported the Bill. Mr. Pantulu said that the Congress was as much solicitous to the interests of labour as any one in the country. (Sir A. P. Patro: merely in words). As a co-operator, Mr. Pantulu believed in harmony between capital and labour and he had complete confidence in the responsible Provincial Governments to effectively solve the labour problems in the near future. In conclusion Mr. Pantulu suggested that the labour leaders should organise a Labour Party on the lines of the British Labour Party.

Sir A. P. Patro said he had all along understood the Congress represented all classes of people in India, at any rate this was the claim put in their behalf. (President: why do you take them so seriously!) (Laughter). It was surprising when the leader of the Congress group himself suggested the formation of a labour party separate from the Congress.

Messrs. Kunzru and R. H. Parker further criticised the Bill. After Mr. Clow had replied the House adopted the motion for consideration.

PARKER'S AMENDMENT.

Mr. Parker thereafter moved a lengthy amendment that in clause ten relating to the Conciliation Officers to the proposed Section 18A, the following sub-sections be added:

"If any person supplying information or producing a document to a Conciliation Officer requests that the information or the document or any part thereof shall be treated as confidential, the conciliation Officer shall not disclose such information or the contents of such document or part thereof except to

(A) The authority which appointed him to be a Conciliation Officer, or

(B) The parties concerned in the dispute for the purpose of mediating therein or promoting the settlement thereof. "If the Conciliation Officer contravenes the provisions of above sub-section, he shall be punishable with fine which may extend to one hundred rupees.

"No Criminal Court shall take cognizance of an offence under this section except with the previous sanction of the authority appointing the Conciliation Officer; and No Civil Court shall without the like sanction entertain any suit against a Conciliation Officer in respect of the disclosure of any information or the contents of any document or part thereof the nature referred to above."

The amendment was adopted.

The Bill as amended was thereafter passed.

The House also passed another Bill moved by Mr. Williams to amend the Hindu Women's Rights to Property Act, 1937, as passed by the Legislative Assembly.

The Council adjourned till Monday.—A.P.

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MOBILISE AGAINST IMPERIALISM

Second Anti-Constitution Day In Girgaum Ward

Anti-Constitution Day was observed by the Girgaum District Congress Committee on Friday at a meeting held at Chowpatty under the presidentship of Mr. R. S. Padbidri.

The day was observed to recall the observance of the same day last year according to a resolution of the Faizpur Congress.

The meeting was the second of the series of meetings now being held in the Girgaum Ward by the Ward Congress Committee to popularise the Haripura Congress resolutions.

Speeches were made on the occasion pointing out that the situation in regard to the introduction of the Constitution had not changed much and the nature of the anti-imperialist struggle that had to be waged against the Constitution.

It was urged that the workers and peasants should be organised in order to strengthen the Congress in the final fight against Federation under the new Constitution that was to be introduced in a few months' time. An economic programme would attract the masses as it had been amply proved in the recent provincial elections. The Congress should strengthen itself by implementing its election pledges on regard to the economic programme particularly through the Ministries. The Congress should also carry out its anti-imperialist-cum-anti-constitution programme in the very citadels of the Government legislatures. Besides there was the need of the hour that all parties should sink all differences whether they were Communist, Socialist or Orthodox Congressmen and join the Congress which was the greatest and strongest anti-imperialist organisation in the country.

Messrs. Ashok Mehta, Meherally, Mirajkar, Panthaki and Kulkarni spoke.

NEED OF UNITY AND ORGANISATION

Mr. R. S. Padbidri in conclusion brought home to the audience that unity and organisation were the needs of the hour.

As Pandit Jawaharlal had pointed out, it was incumbent on all to abide by any decision once it was taken. Whichever programme the Congress might adopt to fight the new-Constitution, it was their duty to carry it out implicitly.

The first meeting of the series was held last week at Tulsi Building, Khetwadi.

The local question of adult franchise was also discussed on the occasion.

HALF-HEARTED MEASURE

CALCUTTA, April 1.

Following five hours' discussion the Bengal Council passed the Bengal Tenancy Amendment Bill this afternoon, practically in the same form, in which it emerged from the Lower House last year.

The Progressive Party (Landlords Group), under the leadership of the Maharaja of Santosh staged a walkout when the House took up the final reading of the Bill.

The leader of the Congress Party observed that although it was a half-hearted measure and did not go far enough to ameliorate the conditions of the cultivators, his party was not prepared to oppose its passage inasmuch as it had some elements of good for cultivators and masses.

The Chief Minister stated that they were experimenting if rent could not be realised by landlords, without these special provisions on the statute book. But he would like to issue this warning to tenants that if they did not discharge their obligation to landlords, Government would not hesitate to enact provisions, which might be more stringent than those now obtaining.—A. P.

RAMASWAMI CHAMPIONS FEDERATION

Provincial Autonomy Illsuits Irresponsible Centre

BOMBAY, April 1.

"That it would be a mistake on the part of the Indian people not to accept Federation, having already set to the task of working Provincial Autonomy, because, in that case, it would be a curious constitution, with Autonomy in the Provinces and an irresponsible Centre," was the view expressed by Sir A. Ramaswami Mudaliar, Member of the Council of the Secretary of State for India, who arrived here yesterday, in the course of a talk with the "United Press" representative, prior to leaving for Madras this afternoon by the Madras Express.

BRITAIN'S ATTITUDE.

"Is Federation coming at all?" was the counter reply of Sir Ramaswami to the question as to when he thought Federation was coming. It appeared to him, however, that the British Cabinet was not over-anxious to foist Federation on an unwilling India, but the position, according to him, was still in the womb of uncertainty, in view of national and international complications wherein Britain is involved at present.

"There is no possibility of any radical change immediately being introduced in the Federal Constitution," declared Sir Ramaswami. As yet, he believed, there were no demands on specific points by all Parties that are opposed to Federation. It was, he thought, necessary to clarify all objectionable points in it, in order to force any demand for any amendment of the Federation Scheme.

TOUCHY PROBLEM.

One point to which the Congress has taken serious objection over the Federation issue, added Sir Ramaswami, is the manner of representation of Indian States.

This matter, according to his personal opinion, he added, is a matter of internal administration of the States where, according to the agreement between the Paramount Power and the Princes, the British Parliament could possibly not interfere.

NEED OF UNITED DEMAND.

With regard to some of the objectionable features of the Federation Scheme, Sir Ramaswami expressed the opinion that, "as we find in the case of the provincial part of the Constitution, so in the case of the Federal part, these objectionable features are bound to melt away when Federation actually begins to be worked by popular representatives."

Regarding the special powers of the Viceroy, Sir Ramaswami suggested that those would be a dead letter, "as practically as they are now so far as the special powers of the Governors regarding the Provincial Ministers are concerned.—United Press.

WE BLEED FOR EUROPE

(BY COL. GARACIA MORENO, On the staff of the Army of the Centre, Madrid)

The situation in Spain is grim. When I wrote three weeks ago after the re-taking of Teruel by Franco, I said it was grim. Now it is even grimmer.

The expectations of the Republican General Staff have been falsified. Our hopes are dashed to the ground. It is not through any military miscalculations. It is because the German-Italian offensive against European democracy has, in the past month, assumed entirely new proportions. Its intensity has suddenly doubled.

This new phase dates back from the taking over of the Reichswehr by the Nazi Party and from the Reichstag speech of Hitler which consumated it.

At that time I wrote that the first fruits of this new power drive would be found in Spain. I was right. During the last month whole fleets of German vessels have left Hamburg for rebel ports. A new flood of the latest war material has rolled up our western river valleys, across our mountains, and has been placed in the hands of the dispirited troops facing us. Preceded by unparalled barrages and bombings and by waves of tanks, these troops have succeeded in literally blasting their way through our lines where, of themselves, they could not penetrate an inch. All this occurred before the Austrian conquest. The two invasions are parallel. They are part of the same policy but we are resisting with the lives of our best youth, and with the brain and sinew of every man and woman behind the lines. The Republic—is far from broken. I ask all democrats to believe me—I say we are not broken.

But we know this. The intensified invasion of Spain will proceed to new lengths on an even vaster scale in the next three months. The seizure of Austria has strengthened Hitler He and Goering have taken on a new insolent note in their attitude to Britain. If they can smash through us and conquer Spain they will be master of the Mediterranean from end to end. We Republicans cannot understand how they can see their trade routes, their life line, cut before their eyes. We ask them and the people of Britain and France for mere justice. But that justice must take the form of guns. We have the right to buy guns, planes, and munitions. As we survey our dead, our ruined cities, as we hear the screams of our wounded youth, we curse the democrats of the free countries. Our fate will be theirs. Can they not see that these guns, these weapons, if placed in our hands, would defend their hearthstones as much as our own?—(Through Labour-Peasant Information Bureau).

MR. KHEDGIKAR AND C. I. D.

Home Minister's Reply Criticised

The President, Lal Bavta Girni Kamgar Union, Sholapur, says in the course of a statement:

While asking for a supplementary grant on police Mr. Munshi informed the House that the complaint that Mr. R. A. Khedgikar was followed by C.I.D. men was imaginary. He also stated that similar complaints of other local prominent men were largely imaginary. The Hon. Minister has made this statement after due enquiries. That the C.I.D. men do not follow Khedkigar and others is a statement which cannot be accepted by persons who are in the know of the methods of the Intelligence Department. The statement becomes still more unbelievable when a M.L.A. elected from the same constituency makes a statement that he was consistently followed by C.I.D. men at Sholapur.

Had the Hon. Minister consulted the City Congress Committee and the local Labour organisations before making such a statement? Did he enquire to the complainants the exact basis of their complaint and how they would prove it? It has been repeatedly pointed out to the Hon. Minister that the Local Trade Union workers and even some Congressmen are consistently followed by C.I.D. men at close distance. The Minister was told that this following was so close and so obvious that the citizens of Sholapur were afraid to keep even social relations with us lest these men may report their names. These citizens have seen that these C.I.D. men stopping wherever we stopped and followed us on every street and through every lane. That these men who followed us are definitely C.I.D. men can be prved if their names are published and they are put in an identification parade. Who else but C.I.D. men would sit at our doors for hours together and follow us wherever we went? How one would explain the fact that the same faces could be seen near your doors day after day and hour after hour? How one would explain the fact that the same faces could be seen again at public meetings marking the faces of those who attend the meetings? These facts stated above are known to the ordinary citizens of Sholapur. Let the Hon. Minister testify our statement by going to the citizens of Sholapur and asking their opinion on this point.

We openly declare that it is due to the reliance on the police reports that the people are being misinformed about the true happenings at Sholapur.

We therefore once more declare that the nuisance of the C.I.D. men as pointed out by Mr. R. A. Khedgikar is quite correct. We further state that such an interference on the part of the police is against the policy of a Congress Ministry, and it be immediately stopped."

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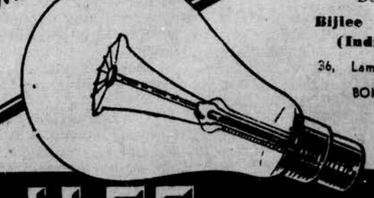

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OUR READERS' VIEWS

A Rajkumar On Mansa Satyagraha

To The Editor of The "Chronicle"

Sir,—May I beg of you to permit me to write a few lines regarding the Peasant Movement which is unfortunately passing through a critical state in its unique history.

As I could not help being brought up according to the ways and means of my family, Islam had an unalterable impress on my adult thought. I might have had to displease poor villagers of Mansa, Hindu and Muslim, because I happened to be brought up in a lordly yet fond and irrepressible manner by my late father Raoji Shree Takhtasinhji. I must admit I sometimes had to subject myself to circumstances and environment but then I naturally reacted because later I found that Islam stood for true discipline primarily for the poor adherents of the Prophet's faith of truth and kindness which I consider to be the most laudable essence of Islam, the spirit which advocates free expression of orderly thought and "the acceptance of God as the Almighty Manager of the Universe".

I have studied most carefully how the "Bombay Chronicle" has championed the cause of the poor Kisans of Mansa State. A few years back I freely discussed the prevailing situation in Mansa when one of the residents of Mansa wanted to know how things went on in Mansa, during the time you were to grace the presidential chair of the Indian States' Peoples Conference held in Ahmedabad my spiritual home about 33 miles from Mansa the centre of the present chaotic, bureaucratic repression which I doubt not will have far-reaching repercussions throughout our beloved country. The Federal scheme which some people in our own country think is the outcome of the Simon Commission's lordly tours in India can no longer endure such atrocities in Indian states. Public opinion and the truly popular press will no longer ignore the evergrowing burden of the naked aspect of the India Act of 1935.

I appeal to you, most humbly, as a faithful son of Mother India to give due publicity to this letter of mine which I write to you in a trembling mood; but my faith in truth and Non-violence as interpreted by Mahatma Gandhi will ever remain unshakable.—Yours, etc.

RAJKUMAR YESHWANTSINH,
of Mansa State.
Baroda, March 31.

University Election Scandal

To The Editor of The "Chronicle"

Sir,—The protest made by Prof. P. A. Wadia before the European and Indian Progressive groups against the present methods of electioneering in the Bombay University has come none too soon. It deserves much wider publicity and I hope that other eminent educationists with the interest of true education at heart will join in the outcry and put an end to the present conditions.

Though Prof. Wadia's strictures are fully justified, I am afraid that his diagnosis of the evil being due to the system of Proportional Representation is not quite correct. I would rather assign the blame to Statute 158 according to which voting papers are to be sent by post, and to be kept in circulation for at least fortnight. This gives ample opportunity to unscrupulous persons to make full use of the methods so clearly and truly described by Prof. Wadia. This circumstance has nothing at all to do with P. R., and unless it is removed the evils will continue, whatever the system of representation adopted may be. The only sure way to end the undue influence exerted by the bosses is to hold elections by ballot at definite polling stations as in the case of municipal and political elections. Voters should be required to attend in person on a prescribed day and in no case should voting papers be allowed to leave the polling station.

There is no practical difficulty to this procedure, at least in the case of University teachers. In the case of registered graduates, who are scattered all over the Presidency a larger number of centres should be required and more days than one may be necessary. But if all elections are confined to one time during the year and the help of the administrative departments of Government is taken the procedure would be quite simple and inexpensive.—Yours, etc.,

K. R. GUNJIKAR.
Bombay, March 31.

A Koliwada Grievance

To The Editor of "The Chronicle".

Sir,—The vicinity around Sattar Koliwada is a veritable mosquito breeding place specially Syed Mukri street popularly known as "Oose Gally" where things are worst. Just opposite to house No. 41 dirty water is collected and a lot of rubbish and cane pieces are dumped which makes a good breeding place for mosquitoes. If only some one responsible in the Health Department pays attention and gets the street washed or flushed and the sweeper's lanes treated with phenyl things would surely improve.

The plight of the residents in that street could best be imagined than described. After a full day's of sweating work and worry when one goes home in hope of enjoying rest and sleep he is approached by these unwelcome visitors making the whole night a veritable period of dread and fear.

Will some one responsible in the name of humanity do needful?.—Yours, etc.

"DISGUSTED CITIZEN".

New Market In Byculla

To The Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—It was announced long ago that the land lying below the Byculla Bridge running alongside the G. I. P. Railway was earmarked for a large vegetable Market. This has become a 'fait accompli' as I find, as I pass daily by the bridge on way to near Victoria Gardens where I reside. This market will, at no distant day, serve as a wholesale centre for all the vegetable and fruit products from moffussil.

It is most likely that at an early date the question of naming the market will crop up and it would be fitting thing to make a most appropriate suggestion to name it by "Sorabji Dhondy Market." There will be several who would query the propriety of the above suggestion. The late Mr. Sorabji C. Dhondy was once a shining torch of the Municipal Corporation ever since 1893 till his death in 1922. From Sir Pherozeshah M. Mehta, the Municipal Commissioner, Mr. Clayton, and other well-known city fathers had referred in glowing terms to late Mr. Dhondy's services to the Corporation for a quarter of a century and more. It is, therefore, quite obvious and in fit nature of things that his memory should be joined with his name, for, besides his services to the Corporation, he had lived on the land in a house built for his extensive family for close upon fifty years, thereby claiming a sort of a right earned by what in law might be termed "Adverse Possession," if such an expression can mean anything in this connection.—Yours, etc.,

"J."

Doom Of The Dowry System

To The Editor of "The Chronicle".

Sir,—It is gratifying to note that the public opinion is gathering strength everyday against the evil system of dowry.

The Legislative Assembly of Sind deserves to be congratulated for setting the ball rolling. It has passed a bill checking the evil to a very large extent. In Gwalior and Baroda States a law is being enacted for doing away with the dowry altogether. The Madras Presidency is also preparing for dealing a death blow to the nefarious system which is flourshing in the whole of the Madras Presidency.

The Christians of Bombay, too, have not failed to rise to the occasion as could be seen from the resolution recently passed in a huge meeting in Bombay demanding the abolition of the dowry system and the Parsi community is also on the alert to see that there is no more talk of "what dowry the bride shall give"

There is no doubt whatsoever that the evil of the dowry system which is prevailing in almost every community has done immense harm to the Society and if it is not destroyed or at least checked it threatens to break the very backbone of the social life in this country.—Yours, etc.

R. D. BALIWALA.

Congress League Coalition

To The Editor of "The Chronicle",

Sir,—I have read your suggestion that Babu Rajendra Parshad's formula regarding Muslim rights may be made the basis of discussion between Congress and League leaders. I am fully in agreement with your wishes and intensions, but I fear the course you suggest is very risky. If we reopen the whole question of Muslim representation in various legislatures, it will lead to those bitter controversies which have wrecked all Unity Conferences. This formula will not take us anywhere. In the first place Muslims will not accept it, as it takes away their right of Separate Electorates, and offers nothing in return. Why should they prefer it to the Communal Award? Besides Mahasabha leaders will oppose it, and an atmosphere will be created in which no compromise will be possible. So far as the question of Muslim representation in various legislatures is concerned, the only sane course is the one followed by the Congress, i.e., that allotment, as per Communal Award, should stand till Muslims agree to alter it. The question should be left there, and all efforts should be exerted towards creating an atmosphere of harmony and unity, in which any agreed Hindu-Muslim pact is possible.

On the other hand, I think that if the present times are not very favourable for evolving an all embracing Hindu-Muslim Pact, a beginning should be made by a political working agreement between the Congress and the League. Congress and League programmes have so much in common that they should form Coalition Governments in all the eleven provinces of India and carry out their common economic and political programmes. In provinces where Congress is in power, League representatives should be taken in the Cabinet, if as suggested by Sir Chimanlal Sotalvad, they agree to work the main items of the Congress programme. In Bengal, the Punjab, Sind etc. a similar arrangement should be brought about. Sir Sikandar Hayat, Mr. Huq and others should be asked to reconstitute their Cabinets with Congress representatives, and should be asked to adopt the major features of the programmes of the Congress ministries. If they do not agree to this, Congress and League should make joint efforts to replace them by Congress--League Coalition ministries. There should be a joint League-Congress Parliamentary Board to carry out the details of this programme.

Much of what is suggested above cannot be achieved immediately, but this should be the aim of all who have the good of the motherland at heart. The Congress may have to take the lead and even to make initial sacrifices for this, but actually Congress will gain much more by entering into such an agreement than by any other possible means. This will enable the Congress to have its programme, (Prohibition, low official salaries, rural reconstruction, development of Industries etc.) carried throughout the whole of India and will bring about that contact between Congress and Muslims, which will allay the suspicion and distrust of the latter. Besides that atmosphere of anger and communal hatred, which is being engendered by the bitter opposition of the principal Muslim organization to the Congress will disappear and we may have more harmonious relations which may pave the way for permanent Hindu-Muslim Unity.—Yours etc.,

"COMMONSENSE".

Poona.

Hemchandracharya

To The Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—In the fitness of things, presiding at a meeting of Sahitya Sansad at Forbes Hall, Bombay on last Sunday evening, the Hon. K. M. Munshi referred to the resolution passed by the Gujarati Sahitya Parishad at Karachi regarding the proposal to commemorate Shri Hemachandracharya..

Shri Hemachandacharya is even to-day considered one of the brightest stars in the literary firmament. Besides being a conspicuous personality in the social and political history of Gujarat, he was one of the ardent champions of Jains Church. He combined in himself the qualities of a true statesman and a scholar like Aristotle. He received great patronage at the hands of Siddharaja Jayansimha and Kumarapala, the two celebrated kings of Gujarat, who were great champions of learning. He exerted his mite to make his times" a glorious age in the history of Gujarat."

Dr. Buhler has written the life of this great savant but some of the points discussed therein are not acceptable to Indian scholars.

Let us hope that the proposed gathering at Patan next year in connection with the commemoration of this great Samscrit scholar and litterateur of old Gujarat will be made a thorough success by the co-operation of leading Indian and foreign scholars.—Yours, etc.

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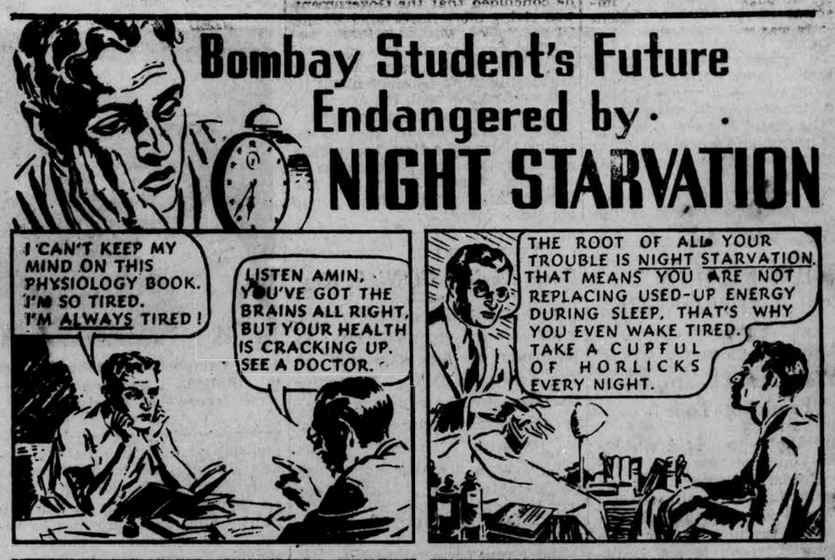
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About Films And Film Stars

We Recommend Mervyn Le Roy's 'They Won't Forget'

Grim Drama Revived At Palace, Is Outstanding Film Of The Week

"They Won't Forget" which was shown in Bombay some months ago, did not receive the attention of the serious-minded film-goers in the same measure as it deserved, partly because all cinema advertisements being couched in the same superlatives, it is difficult to distinguish the outstanding film from the well-boosted "quicky."

This week it is revived at the PALACE, and we recommend it to every one who regards the cinema as a potential vehicle for progressive literature. In exposing the elemental racial hatred and irrational mob fury which still dominate life in America's Southern States, the message of "They Won't Forget" has a special significance for us, Indians, for we, too, are often victims of the same primitive phenomena when communal riots break out at the slightest provocation.

Below we reproduce a review of "They Won't Forget" by Basil Wright, the eminent critic of "World Film News":—

"In "They won't Forget" Warner Brothers have turned out something on which about 14 states in the U.S.A. are almost bound to close their doors. For it is a savage, terrible, horrifying, cynical and unequivocable expose of the backwardness and degeneration of the smalltime towns of the Southern States, which have, with their lynchings and their Scottsboro' trials, made American justice stink to heaven.

Tragedy in the accepted sense it may not be, but, as a piece of sheer film-making alone, it is one of the most terrific pieces that has ever come out of America; it makes Fury look like a Follies Show.

RACIAL HATRED INFLAMED.

The story is hideously simple. In a small Southern town, on Memorial Day, a girl is murdered. How, or by whom, we are never told. But the scheming District Attorney wants a big public success to get into the running for the Governorship. Of the suspects, all but one are either too important, or too small fry. The one remaining is just perfect. He's a Northerner, and a college teacher. Aided by the venomous unscrupulosity of the Yellow press the Attorney fans the flames of racial hatred; and the unfortunate man, virtually condemned before the trial opens, on evidence which is only circumstantial, is sentenced to the Chair. A more liberal-minded Governor commutes the sentence to life imprisonment; so the high souled citizens step in, snatch him from the train which is taking him to prison, and lynch him. Thus the District Attorney achieves his life ambition.

Had it been presented with the more hysterical lavishness of the average American "super," the film might have failed to hit the mark. But its strength is in its omissions. We don't see the murder. We don't see the lynching (we see instead the mail train wrenching a mailbag off the pick-up bar.) And by this very restraint the film becomes much more horrible.

The attack is more than through the intellect, it reaches physical proportions. You squirm in your seat as the vicious panorama of ignorance and depravity unfolds. The narrow, nasty conversation of the townsfolk. The weak-minded degeneration of the girl's fiance. The chinless sadism of the crime reporter. The shifty and unscrupulous District Attorney, with his ratlike eyes, his treacherous mouth mangling a cigar the way he mangles humans.

NOT A PLEASANT FILM!

The brooding atmosphere that infects the sidewalks, the offices, and the tidy little home which the accused man and his wife have with several years of labour got together, is the brooding atmosphere of real terror, the terror of realising that these are not human beings, but animals with man's capabilities, who are crowding the stuffy courtroom; judge, spectators, and jury alike unanimous in the verdict before the trial begins.

No, this is not a pleasant film; there is nothing pleasant about it; but by heck it's real. It's as real as the newsreel stuff from Shanghai.

The largest bouquet goes to director Mervyn Le Roy. Technically alone, it's the finest production of the year. Claude Rains, as the District Attorney, qualifies for one almost as large."

Franchot Tone and Gladys George in "Love Is A Headache"

(Wellington)

IS LOVE REALLY A HEADACHE?

Amusing Comedy At Wellington Features Franchot Tone

The old, old story of a vitriolic journalist and a stage star, "Love Is a Headache" comes at the Wellington this week with Glady's George and Franchot Tone in an interesting melange of romance and comedy. "Love Is a Headache" concerns Gladys George as a beautiful stage star involved in a mix-up over some orphaned children, Mickey Rooney and Virginia Waidler, caused by Broadway's ace columnist Franchot Tone. Tone has been criticising Miss George for her recent series of flop shows. He is in love with her, and thinks that he is helping her. Always looking for the human side of the news, Tone discovers the story of a window washer's orphaned children and he broadcasts their story, asking someone to adopt them. Using this as a publicity stunt, Miss George's press agent, Ted Healy, has her adopt the kids. Then complications for kidnapping follow providing many humorous situations.

Boris Karloff In 'Night Key'

Boris Karloff's picture, "Night Key," showing from Saturday to Wednesday for four days only at The Broadway, Dadar. In it, the star abandons the grotesque make-up of his former roles and, playing the part "straight," reveals himself as a dramatic actor of considerable talent.

SUNDAY MORNING SHOW.

The lovers of serial here is a chance to see the full serial in one show. "The Last Of The Mohicans" with Harry Carey.

TARZAN RETURNS TO REGAL

New Jungle Film Has All Usual Features

Once again Tarzan meets his mate as he goes roaring through his jungle realm, fighting man and beast for the girl he loves. This new "Tarzan's Revenge," Twentieth Century-Fox release which opens to-day at the Regal Theatre, is full of the usual "Tarzan thrills." And the many Edgar Rice Burroughs' fans who have followed the exploits of Tarzan in other films will be interested to know that America's two great athletes, Glenn Morris in the title role and Eleanor Holm as his mate. The tall, handsome, lithe Tarzan portrayed by Morris, the world's athlete, easily proves why this star was able to break the ten-event record at the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin. He uses every element of his championship skill as he battles his way through the "deepest" Africa with Eleanor, glamour girl and an Olympic champion in her own right. She, too, provides several suspenseful moments—notably where she is shown to outswim a score of live crocodiles in a jungle river.

Luise Campbell and John Howard in "Bulldog Drummond's Revenge", at Excelsior.

The story deals with the efforts of a wealthy retired middle-westerner to provide live specimens for a zoo he has donated to his home town. Eleanor's father (George Barbier) heads a safari on which he is accompanied by his wife (Hedda Hopper): his daughter, Eleanor; her fiance (George Meeker) and a valet. Long before she meets her Tarzan, Elcanor has aroused the interests of a fabulously wealthy African chieftain (C. Henry Gordon) who (like all Oriental potentates in American films) plots to kidnap her. When the party starts into the wilds, however, Tarzan discovers the Americans on their journey. Here in rapid succession a series of "thrilling" events take place. There is the usual battle of the jungle tribes: the daring raid by Tarzan on the palace of the wealthy chieftain: Eleanor's fight for life in the river of white crocodiles; hundreds of wild animals in jungle conflict, the rituals of the native dancing girls and all the other ingredients of a Hollywood "jungle film."

A scene from "Night Key" at Broadway.

Your Guide To This Week's Films

BROADWAY—"Night Key" featuring Boris Karloff in a "straight" non-eeric film (Revival).

CAPITOL—"Wise Girl," featuring Miriam Hopkins and Ray Milland, rich-girl-poor-boy romance. Quite interesting. May be recommended.

EROS—"The Frog," featuring Gordon Harker, Edgar Wallace detective story.

EXCELSIOR—"Bulldog Drummond's Revenge," featuring John Barrymore, John Howard, Reginald Denny and Louise Campbell. Adventures of the famous Sleuth of Sapper's creations.

PATHE—"Victoria The Great" with Anna Neagle and Anton Wallrook Spectacular historical film (Revival).

REGAL—"Tarzan's Revenge," another of the usual Tarzan films full of jungle "thrills."

WELLINGTON—"Love Is A Headache", featuring Gladys George and Franchot Tone. Amusing romance.

"GOLGOTHA"

Religious Picture At Palace And Edward

"Golgotha", a religious picture depicting the last glorious days on earth of Jesus of Nazareth, will be shown this week simultaneously at The Palace and The Edward during the extra morning shows on Sunday, Thursday and Friday.

With fidelity to the biblical narrative, "Golgotha" re-creates those stirring events which changed the destiny of the world. You see the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, the plotting against him, the last supper, his betrayal, trial and crucifixion, and then his final appearance to his disciples after the resurrection.

LUPINO in "Cheer Up," coming next week at Pathe.

Soviet Films Popular Everywhere

The Soviet films are enjoying magnificent success in U.S.A. In 1934, they were shown in 80 cinemas (in 39 towns). At the present time, Soviet films are running in 661 cinemas in 500 towns of the U.S.A. and Canada. In 1937 over three million people visited Soviet films in the U.S.A.

The Russian films are also very popular in Europe, especially in France, Spain and Czechslovakia. The incomplete figures available show that in 1937 Soviet films were shown in 1400 picture theatres in France and were seen by about 5 million people.

Two Detective Dramas Seen This Week

Edgar Wallace Thriller, "Frog", At Eros; "Bulldog Drummond's Revenge" At Excelsior

The blowing up of an officer within the sacred precincts of Scotland Yard; Gordon Harker visiting the night club; love at first sight between a suspected man's daughter and a dashing young captain—there is varied fare for film-goers in "The Frog", which is seen it the Eros this week.

Coming from the pen of one of the greatest detective story-writers of the century, Edgar Wallace, "The Frog", which is an adaptation of the famous play, bears the stamp of perfect entertainment with its quota of thrills, comedy and romance, and has been produced by Herbert Wilcox, who has taken advantage of the added scope provided by the screen.

Gordon Harker makes an effective Sergeant Elk, superb in his untiring devotion to duty, funny in his efforts to master the intricacies of English history in order to attain the rank of Inspector, and the supporting cast includes, Noah Berry, Carol Goodner, Esme Percy, Jack Hawkins, Vivian Gaye who all contribute excellent characterisations to this British film.

John Barrymore, Detective!

A newly-discovered explosive—strong enough to destroy the capitals of Europe,—becomes the football for contending forces, with the peace of Europe in the balance in the latest Bulldog Drummond film, "Bulldog Drummond's Revenge," which opens at the Excelsior Theatre, to-day.

When the scientist who has developed the explosive is discovered murdered in an airplane by his own secretary, Howard finds it impossible to keep his promise to his fiancee, Louise Campbell, that he will give up his work as an amateur detective and settle down. He becomes even more involved when the murderer appears in the train in which he and his bride-to-be are travelling to the continent, and murders his accomplice in a nearby compartment.

After a chase through the train, which is packed with thrills, Howard catches up with the murderer and his dangerous cargo of explosives as they are crossing the channel. He is aided by Colonel Nielson of Scotland Yard, played by John Barrymore. In a mile-a-minute final scene, the explosive is taken from the captured murderer before he can blow the boat to eternity. Here the situation is saved by Howard's loyal but unconscious friend, Reginald Denny.

In the supporting cast of this latest in the widely-acclaimed Bulldog Drummond adventures are E. E. Clive, Frank Puglia and Nydia Westman. Louis King is the director.

"THE GLORY OF DANCE"

Struggle Of A Man In Presenting Bharata Natya Artist To World Seen In Tamil Talkie

(From A Correspondent.)

A private show of "Jalaja, or "The Glory of Dance", a Tamil Talkie produced by the Renaissance Theatre, Madras, at the Sagar Studios, was given to a group of friends of the Producer at the Imperial Cinema on Wednesday.

The theme of the picture, as is suggested by its title is traditional Indian Classical Dance—Bharata Natya—, and around it is built a very interesting story, simple and full of the poetry of pathos, with dashes also of the genuine comic spirit.

The working of the two pairs of major characters in the story is a study in environment and human psychology: Rajagopalan, the hero who discovers the perfect Bharata Natya artist and braves all social opprobrium in presenting her and her art to the world is played by Mr. G. K. Seshagiri; Miss Bhanumathi, the talented dance-partner of the late Sri. Varalakshmi, has the role of the temple-dancer Jalaja; Lakshmi, a new Renaissance Theatre "find," plays with verve and extreme convincingness the part of the neglected fife; while K. S. Gopalakrishna is cast as the Mudaliar, the village mirasdar and Don Juan who runs headlong after Jalaja and eventually to his own ruin.

Quick spurts of laughter alternate with serious situations of anger and sorrow; in theme and technique alike, the story bids fair to be of international interests such is the appreciative comment of those who witnessed the show.

The original story, Screen-play, and dialogues are the work of the R. T. Group of authors comprising Messrs. Manjeri S. Isvaram, Dr. V. Raghavan and G. K. Seshagiri.

Messrs. R. R. Gautam and G. K. Seshagiri are the Directors, and Mr. A. N. Kalyanasundaram, the Music Director.

"WISE GIRL" COMES TO CAPITOL

Miriam Hopkins And Ray Milland In Bright Comedy

The whimsical but charming Miriam Hopkins scores a success in her latest film "Wise Girl", RKO Radio's romantic comedy drama, which will be seen at Capitol from to-day. Ray Milland shares the honours with the blonde star. Miss Hopkins again proves her remarkable versatility in a portrayal reminiscent of her former hit "Woman Chases Man", while Ray Milland, too, 'puts over' an adequate performance.

A unique romance between a determined young heiress and a poor artist whom, with the best intentions in the world, she tries to double-cross serves as the basis of this story. When the girl's wealthy father fails in his efforts to secure custody of his orphaned grand-daughters who live with the young artist, the girl decides to accomplish the feat by trying to deprive the unsuspecting hero of his slender means of livelihood at various odd jobs. However, she falls in love with him, which complicates matters considerably and leads to the exciting, lively conclusion. Miriam Hopkins is cast as the impetuous daughter of wealth, while Milland portrays the struggling artist.

Incidentally the sequences showing the life of the penniless artist in the slums sometimes achieve an atmosphere of realism which, however, was probably never intended by the producers.

Miriam Hopkins in "Wise Girl," amusing comedy at Capitol.

A scene from "Tarzan's Revenge", the week's attraction at Pathe.

Anton Walbrook and Anna Neagle in "Victoria The Great" revived at Pathe.

A scene from "The Frog", the detective drama at Eros.

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Congress Ministry For Assam

Bardoloi's Assurance To Working Committee

CALCUTTA, April 1.

The Congress Working Committee had three hours discussion with Mr. Gopinath Bardoloi, Leader of the Congress Party in the Assam Legislature about the prospects of the formation of a Congress Ministry in the province.

Mr. Bardoloi told the Committee that in a House of 108 the Congress had 36 seats. The party had managed to secure the support of another fifteen members—nine Muslims and six non-congress Hindus. He therefore urged that the committee should permit the Assam Congress Party to form a Congress Ministry if he succeeded in securing the support of four more members. He assured the Committee that he was hopeful of the necessary support.

The Committee is understood to have told Mr. Bardoloi that it would have no objection to the Assam Congress Party forming a Ministry by coalescing with the other groups, provided it could give the guarantee that the coalition Ministry would be able to carry out the Congress Programme in its entirety.

Interviewed by the Associated Press after his meeting with the Working Committee, Mr. Bardoloi said "I am hopeful of securing the necessary support."—A. P

"NO CONFIDENCE" MOVE AGAINST ASSAM MINISTRY

Bardoloi To Discuss Plans With Subhas To-day

CALCUTTA, April 1.

In a statement Mr. Gopinath Bardoloi, leader of the Congress Party in the Assam Legislative Assembly, indicated how he proposed to create a situation, under which the present Government could be forced to give way and the Congress Party might be called on to form the Ministry.

He said that in view of the fact that the present Ministry had not resigned despite defeats, his Party had decided to force the issue by bringing a direct vote of "no-confidence" in the Ministry. His party would now concentrate in urging the Governor to summon an early session of the Legislature to try its strength.

Mr. Bardoloi hoped, on his return to Assam, to secure support of at least five members and thus convert his present minority into a majority.

Mr. Bardoloi is meeting the Congress President to-morrow in order to discuss the details of his plans.—A. P.

LEADERS MEET GANDHIJI

CALCUTTA, April 1.

Immediately before the Congress Working Committee meeting Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and Mr. Bhulabhai Desai called on Mahatma Gandhi at Woodburn Park and had about half an hour's discussion with him along with Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, who is also staying at Woodburn.—A. P.

WORKING COMMITTEE REVIEWS SITUATION

(Continued from Page 1.)

this afternoon at Elgin Road at the residence of the Congress President, to discuss the following agenda: (1) Indo-Afghan Trade relating to the monopoly of dry fruit trade by Afghan Dry Fruit Company (2) Ministerial affairs in C. P. with particular reference to the situation arising out of the release of a non-political prisoner, (3) The position of the Congress party in the Assam Assembly, specially the possibility of their forming a Congress Ministry in that province, (4) The formation of Congress Committees in Indian States, (5) The political situation in the Punjab and (6) Representation of Indian Colony in Uganda with regard to the cotton trade.

MEMBERS PRESENT

The following attended the meeting: Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Babu Rajendra Prasad, Mr. Bhulabhai Desai, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Mr. Jairamdas Daulatram, Seth Jamnalal Bajaj, Doctor Pattabhi Sitaramayya, Mr. Sarat Chandra Bose, Mr. Harekrishna Mahatab and Mr. J. B. Kripalani (General Secretary).

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and Dr. Sitaramayya arrived this morning.

THE MINISTERIAL CRISIS

The Congress Working Committee, which is meeting for the first time after the Haripura Congress, has a light agenda. The first work before the Committee is to review the situation in the country since Haripura and endorse the action of the All-India Congress Parliamentary Sub-Committee in permitting the Bihar and U. P. Premiers to withdraw their resignations.

It will be recalled that when the Committee, dispersed at Haripura the position was uncertain and the Committee's resolution had expressed hope that the Governor-General and the Governors would see their way to accept the advice of their Ministers in the matter of release of political prisoners.

SIND SITUATION

Having done this, the Committee will discuss the situation created in Sind by the defeat of the Ghulam Husain Cabinet and the formation of the new Government. It is understood that the Committee will authorise the Congress Party in the Sind Assembly to support the new Government in all progressive measures which approximate to the Congress programme.

ASSAM CONGRESS MINISTRY

The Committee will next take up consideration of the formation of a Congress Government in Assam. Mr. G. N. Bardoloi, the leader of the Congress Party in the Assam Legislature, was the first to be called in by the Committee when it met to-day. Mr. Bardoloi is understood to have explained the present position in Assam where in a House of 108 the Congress holds 36 seats. The Congress will be able to command a few more votes in case the Congress forms a Government.

Mr. Bardoloi has come to seek the permission of the Congress Working Committee to form a Congress Government in that province provided his party is permitted to combine with other progressive groups, making them sign the Congress pledge as has been done in the North-West Frontier Province. Mr. Bardoloi explained to the committee how his party in combination with other progressive elements in the Assam Assembly had defeated the present Government a number of times. The Committee is now considering what it should do with regard to Assam.

C. P. PROBLEM

The next question to be taken up is with regard to the C. P. Ministry, but anticipations are that the Committee will endorse the Resolution passed by the C. P. Congress Party in the Legislature.

LABOUR ORGANISATIONS

The Working Committee is also likely to consider the question of the formation of labour organisations in all Congress Provinces on the same lines as the Ahmedabad Labour Association. Considerable spade work in this direction has been done during the recent meeting of the Gandhi Seva Sangh at Berboi.—A. P.

FEAR OF SPLIT IN LABOUR RANKS

A. I. T. U. C. Vice-Chief Criticises Gandhi Seva Sangh Move

LUCKNOW, April 1.

Mr. Rajaram Shastri M.L.A., Vice-President of the All-India Trade Union Congress in the course of a statement to the Press characterises the recent move of the Gandhi Seva Sangh to organise the Labour class on the collaboration basis, "not only suicidal but inopportune also, particularly at a time when all sections of Labour are uniting under the All India Trade Union Congress and a United front is in the process of formation."

Mr. Shastri feels that "the new move will weaken the Labour movement as well as the national movement and occasion a split in the Labour ranks."

Concluding he says:—

"Trade Unions form the basic principle of class struggle and Communists, Socialists and Reformists all admit it. Hence the All-India Trade Union Congress is not likely to lend countenance to the latest move of the Gandhi Seva Sangh.—United Press.

Dr. Kitchlew As Punjab P. C. C. Nominee

LAHORE, April 1.

Dr. Saif-ud-Din Kitchlew, whose election to the Punjab Legislative Assembly was recently set aside, has been nominated by the Punjab Provincial Congress Committee to seek election from the Amritsar City Muslim Constituency.—United Press.

Gandhiji Feels Fairly Tired

Abnormal Blood Pressure Not Unexpected, Says Dr. Bose

CALCUTTA, April 1.

Dr. Sunil Bose examined Mahatma Gandhi at 10-30 this morning.

Gandhiji was feeling fairly tired on account of the journey from Delang. His blood pressure remained at 180 this morning and was somewhat abnormal, which according to Dr. Bose, was not unexpected after a tiring railway journey. There was, however, no cause for much anxiety.

It is understood that on the whole Gandhiji felt fairly well during his short stay at Delang, but about three days ago some mental shock was sustained by him over a private matter and Mahatmaji attributed his indisposition in Orissa to this mental shock and not so much to overwork. He is expected to feel normal with complete rest, which he is going to take for next few days.—United Press.

HAS NAZIM-UD-DIN SEEN MAHATMA?

Short Notice Question In Bengal Assembly

CALCUTTA, April 1.

Replying to a short notice question in the Bengal Legislative Assembly, put by a member of the Ministerial (Coalition) Party as to whether he had recently had any conversation with Mahatma Gandhi in connection with the release of detenus and political prisoners, Khwaja Sir Nazim-ud-Din, the Home Minister, regretted that he did not think it advisable to make any statement on this subject at the present.

In reply to another question put by a member of the same Party, inquiring whether the Government would be taking steps to build a monument in memory of Nawab Siraj-ud-Doula, the last independent ruler of (Bengal?) the Home Minister stated that the Government had not considered the question, but that it was a matter in which the initiative must come from the public.—United Press.

"CANCEL EUROPEAN TOUR"

Working Committee's Request To Sambamurthi

CALCUTTA, April 1.

The "Associated Press" understands that the Congress Working Committee has telegraphed to Mr. Rajagopalachariar, Premier of Madras, asking him to request Mr. B. Sambamurthi not to undertake his proposed tour of Europe as the Committee feels it will not be in the best interests of the Congress.—A. P.

COMMUNAL BODIES MUST GO

Plea For Unity Under Congress Flag In Common Cause

NAGPUR, April 1.

"Communal bodies must go, the earlier they go the better" declared Mr. M. Y. Shariff, Law Minister to-day while hoisting the Congress Tri-coloured Flag in the presence of a large gathering he was convinced that the Congress was the only institution, which was striving for the interests of all sections of the Indian people. It was a national organisation open to all those, who agreed with its policy and creed.

The Minister advised the minorities and particularly Muslims to join the Congress. Hindus and Muslims, he observed, should compete with one another in making sacrifices for the cause of India's freedom under the banner of the Congress and not fritter away their energies in fighting for their rights on a communal basis. He hoped it was time they realised that communalism, which was a serious obstacle in their progress towards their common goal must be discouraged and every effort made to do away with communal bodies in the interests of the country as a whole.

The function was held under Congress auspices.—A. P.

Cossimbazar Maharaja Sees Mahatma

CALCUTTA, April 1.

The Hon. Maharaja Srish Chandra Mandy of Cossimbazar, Minister, Works and Communications, and a prominent Zamindar of Bengal, called on Mahatma Gandhi at 2-30 p.m. to-day and had about ten minutes conversation with him.—A.P.

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Communalism Among Indians Abroad

PERSONNEL OF SOUTH AFRICAN UNION COMMISSIONS

(From Our Correspondent).

ETAWAH, (By Mail).

Mr. Prem Narain Agarwalla, General Secretary of the Indian Colonial Association, Ajitmal, in the course of a statement to the press deplores the communalism that is engrossing our countrymen abroad, and which is fastly developing to unhealthy proportions, the ultimate effect of which will be ruinous to the Indian community as a whole.

Mr. Agarwalla quotes a recent passage-of-arms in the Fiji legislative council between the two Indian members on the 7th October 37, when communalism was unreasonably given expression to.

A FIJI OUTBURST.

Mr. C. Chatur Singh, M.L.C., proposed and spoke in support of the abolition of the office of the secretary of the Indian Affairs on behalf of the Indian community. His claim was immediately challenged by Mr. Syed Hussain, a nominated Indian member. Intervening Mr. Hussain said that "the elected Indian member can speak for his own community but he certainly will not speak for my community." I have the privilege to represent the Muslim of Fiji, and I challenge any elected member to come forward and say that I am not representing the Muslim community of Fiji" Mr. Chatur Singh replied saying that his right to represent the Indian community has been disputed by the nominated Indian member. "I say that I am an elected representative of the Indian people." To this Mr. Hussan replied that he represents the Muslim community and not the Indian community. Mr. Chatur Singh then said that "As for myself I have been returned by both Hindus and Mohamedans numbering about 40,000 in a well contested election.

Mr Prem Narain Agarwalla opined that Mr. Hussain showed excessive zeal in questioning the right of the other Indian elected member to represent the Muslim community and his own to represent only Muslims. In Fiji there is joint electorate for the whole of the Indian community, and no body represents any particular community and to think so is an altogether wrong notion of his responsibility. It is an unfortunate sign among our cousins overseas."

ASIATIC LAND COMMISSION.

Information has been received in the office of the Indian colonial Association from South Africa that the terms of the reference of the Asiatic land commission appointed by the Government, under the Chairmanship of Mr. Justice Murray, have been officially announced. The other members of the commission are Mr. Henry Britten, a former chief magistrate of Pretoria and Johannesburg, and Mr. Nimrod Smit, a prominent farmer of Bethal district.

Their terms of reference are, to inquire into and report whether and if so to what extent, the letter and spirit of any law restricting or prohibiting the ownership, use of occupation by Asiatics of land is being evaded, and to make recommendation in regard thereto. The foregoing terms of reference shall not apply to proclaimed land under the Precious and Base-metals Act of 1908 as amended from time to time, to the extent which it has been dealt with by the report of the Transvaal Land Tenure Act Commission appointed on October 4, 1932.

MIXED MARRIAGES COMMITTEE

The Government has appointed the following as members of another Commission to investigate and report upon the questions of mixed marriages in the Union of South Africa between Europeans and non-Europeans. They are Mr. Charles William De Valliers, K. C. Chairman, Professor Raymond William Wilcocks, Advocate Clarence Pieter Brink, Mrs. Mabel Katherine M. P., and Mrs. Nellie Brown Spilhause, M.P.C. The Commission is to determine whether such marriages, are on the increase and whether they are sufficiently numerous to be seriously detrimental to the welfare of the Union and future composition and population; and to recommend whether it is necessary that any further steps should be taken to discourage such marriages.

SURVEY OF CENTRAL HIMALAYAS

Unexplored Mountainous Regions Brought In Map For The First Time

Original survey on various scales was carried out in 1936-37, according to the latest annual report of the Survey of India for that year, in 30,393 square miles, thus completing for India upto the present a total of 11,40,073 square miles of modern survey leaving 4,82,847 square miles yet to be surveyed.

WHERE HUMAN FEET NEVER TROD BEFORE

A difficult piece of work, but of great importance, was the survey carried out during the year in the Central Himalayas. The area comprises the Alakananda Valley upto Badrinath and the Dhauliganga and tributary valleys as far as the Niti pass on the Tibetan border and includes Nanda Devi (25,665 feet) with its famous "inner sanctuary" into which Messrs. Tilman and Shipton forced their way in 1924 through the gorge of Rishiganga.

Most of the higher areas were practically unexplored and many new features were surveyed for the first time. In his recent book on the conquest of Nanda Devi, Mr. Tilman describes how the herds of wild animals found in the sanctuary of this mountain came up to the visitors and were completely fearless at their approach.

The maps of this area when published from the new surveys will, it is said, provide information of the greatest value to climbers and other visitors to this interesting section of the Great Himalayas.

KARAKORAM SURVEY

Again, what constitutes a major contribution to the catography of a little known region was made during the year by a private survey expedition organised by Messrs. Shipton and Spender with the assistance of grant from the Royal Geographical Society and the Survey of India. A large area in partly unexplored country on the northern slopes of the Karakoram and in the Aghil Range was surveyed and interesting results obtained.

ON THE BORDERS

Another piece of work of great importance which earned praise from all concerned was the one done by a special survey party employed with the Sino-British Joint Boundary Commission in the Wa States of Burma. This party carried out a total of 2,930 square miles of survey and on completion of the work of the Commission was disbanded in July 1937.

AIR SURVEY

Other interesting works carried out by the Department during the year include air survey of 22 square miles of Jamshedpur town on a scale of 16" to a mile carried out at the request of Messrs. Tata Iron and Steel Company Ltd., and in co-operation with the Indian Air Survey and Transport Ltd., and a survey of 12 miles of the boundary between Sirmur and Jubbal, States of the Punjab Hill States Agency.

The total number of maps published during the year was about 700, and the total sales numbered over 456,000 copies valued at Rs. 3 lakhs exclusive of a little over 29,000 issued free.

MATHEMATICAL INSTRUMENTS

An interesting scientific establishment unique of its nature in India maintained by the Department in Calcutta is its Mathematical Instrument Office which assists all Government Departments as well as non-officials by maintaining up-to-date instruments and optical equipment and by manufacturing and repairing instruments which would otherwise have to be replaced from abroad. Such articles as mathematical scales of all sorts, clinometers, protractors, levels, levelling staves, prismatic compasses, planetables, pantographs, head stereoscopes, folding mirror stereoscopes, lenses, prisms, thermometers, hydrometers and measuring glasses were among the items manufactured during the year.

INTERNATIONAL FAIR IN TURKEY

Facilities For Exhibitors From Abroad

An International Fair under the patronage of the Turkish Government will be held at Izmir from the 20th August to the 20th September, 1938.

It is understood that all goods to be exhibited at the Fair will have the benefit of special licences as regards quota and exchange restrictions. Imported goods are introduced free of customs duty, which is only payable for goods sold. Unsold goods are stored in the transit stores for two months after the closing of the Fair. Free Turkish Consular 'visa' is given to foreign visitors and exhibitors.

Those desirous of participating in the Fair may obtain particulars from the Turkish Commercial Attache, Bombay.

SUGGESTIONS FOR GRAIN AND OIL SEEDS CONFERENCE

Mr. M. Vankataramiah, proprietor of the All-India Grains and Seeds Corporation, Bombay, the representative, Karnatak Chamber of Commerce sends a representation to the Agricultural Marketing Officer, Government of India, Delhi, in connection with the Grain and Oil Seeds Standards Conference in Delhi on 4th April.

ANALYSIS OF GROUNDNUT.

He points out that the Karnatak Country is a vast track including, as it does, regions of North Belgaum, South Coimbatore, West East Coast and Eastern parts of Hyderabad and Madras Presidency. They have observed during tour that in all these parts groundnuts of the small as well as of the bold type are grown.

The representative says that the agriculturists have no idea of what is meant by the analysis of groundnut. It is, briefly stated, the percentage of oil in the oil cake. Albunmied, Sand, and Wood Fibre, etc., which the seeds contain are the things which ultimately determine the price. If they are enlightened on these points they will improve their cultivation in view of the attractive price which a particular variety brings them. In many places the agriculturists have scope to improve the method of cultivating of groundnuts in order to bring them to the standard of the best variety as determined by an analysis of the sample.

VARIOUS STAGES

He, further points out that the desire of the Government to group groundnuts into definite standards, etc., is praise worthy, but the benefit of these, divisions into standards must be extended to the small merchant, and specially the agriculturists, otherwise, the agriculturist will have to be guided by, what the exporter says, and in view of ignorance of the agriculturist he may always classify the groundnut under the cheapest variety. If, therefore, the same conditions which govern the contracts between the Exporter and the wholesale dealer in port towns are made known to ryots also, the latter may not only get value for his produce, but will also be induced to grow the best variety according to the specifications in the standard contract form, for by doing so, he knows he will get a higher price. It may also be suggested here that instead of three different standards, attention might in course of time be paid to standardise all groundnut in the country, This is possible by enlightening the agriculturist as to the profitability of producing the best variety through governmental agencies in all groundnut-growing areas. If necessary the agriculturist must be compelled to grow only best variety. In the Karnatak area, groundnuts are sold (with pods) with the husk, so much so that they (agriculturists) have no idea of the quality of the seed. This may be termed the first stage. In the second stage, that is when the groundnut has come to the Harbour place such as Bombay, Madras or any Export Harbour for sale, that husk would have been removed. In other words, it is now decorticated and enables the merchants in Harbour place to know its quality, size, etc., which actually govern the price.

AGRICULTURIST IN DARK

The final stage is reached when it is exported to other countries where it will be used for different purpose. Strictly speaking, therefore, the real value of groundnut will be known only when the oil content is ascertained, and not before. The agriculturists are ignorant of the 3rd stage altogether

He points out that although they have got facilities to improve the crops, and are prepared to avail themselves of the better prices, they are in the dark as to this ultimate fact which determines the price in these circumstances, the representative points out that they do not see why they should not get a chance to know that the price of seeds depends on the percentage of oil.

By giving these facilities, the country will benefit to a great extent in that the cultivation of groundnut will proceed on scientific lines. In conclusion, the representative says that the Chamber will be grateful to the Government if these points also receive due consideration at the final conference.

SEC. 144 IN HARDWAR

Sequel To Quarrel Over Bathing Procession

HARDWAR, March 31.

Orders under Section 144 Cr. P. C. have been promulgated in Hardwar following the failure of two sections of "Bairagis" to reach a compromise consequent with the insistence of the Khalsa section to take out the bathing procession separately.

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NEW DELHI, March 29.

A Press 'Communique' announces that the undermentioned Indian Army soldiers have been selected for admission to the Indian Military Academy, Dehra Dun, as Indian Army cadets for the term commencing on the 19th August, 1938:—

Sowar Nepal Singh, 16th Light Cavalry; Lance Naik Moh'd Hayat, 8th Mountain Battery, R.A.; Lance Naik Moh'd Abbas Beg, 17th Mountain Battery, R.A.; Sapper Sita Ram, King George V's. Own Bengal Sappers and Miners; Lance Naik Moh'd. A. Rahim Hafiz, 4th Indian Divisional Signals; Sepoy Moh'd Gulsher, 3rd Battalion, 1st Punjab Regiment; Naik Sahib Dad, 4th Battalion, 2nd Punjab Regiment; Lance Naik Gangaram Parab, 5th Battalion, 5th Mahratta Light Infantry; Lance Naik Partap Singh, 1st Battalion, 9th Jat Regiment; Lance Naik Karnail Singh, 2nd Battalion, 13th Frontier Force Rifles; Lance Naik Gurbaksh Singh, 4th Battalion, 14th Punjab Regiment; Naik Rab Nawaz, 5th Battalion, 14th Punjab Regiment; Company Havildar Major Dil Moh'd Khan, 3rd Battalion, 16th Punjab Regiment; Corporal D. H. Wilshaw, the Nagpur Rifles, Auxiliary Force (India); Lance Sergeant V. D. Nahapiet, Rangoon Field Brigade, R.A., Burma Auxiliary Force.—United Press.

PREMIER SEES "DIL PAZIR"

Successful Performances In Aid Of Home For Blind Women

"Dil Pazir", a variety show organized by Mrs. Bapsy Sabavala in aid of the Haji Allarakhia Sonavala Andhakshi Ashram which was staged at the Capitol on Thursday (under the patronage of H. E. the Governor) and on Friday (under the patronage of the Hon'ble Premier B. G. Kher) was unqualified success. Indeed it literally proved to be 'Dil Pazir' (Heart's Delight)! On both the days the House was packed to capacity.

BUDDHA TABLEAUX

The programme opened with a series of 9 tableaux illustrating important phases in the life of Gautama Buddha. The costumes as well as the settings were designed with artistic imagination and revived the atmosphere of a bygone age.

"The Indian Monsoon", a delightful ballet in three acts, was acted by children with characteristic unsophisticated abandon. The costumes and stage effects symbolic of heat, clouds, thunder, rain etc. were perfect.

"THE THREE IMMORTALS"

The 'piece de resistance' of the evening was the play in verse "The Three Immortals" symbolizing the ultimate triumph of good over all the forces of evil. Here too one must mention the perfect symbolism of the costumes and make-up. It was a well-written and splendidly produced play though in this hard cynical world one may doubt whether the Gods of war and hatred and egoism can be so easily dethroned by the 'three immortals'—Good Words, Good Thoughts, Good Deeds. Nor is everyone likely to agree with the classification of "Revolution" with other pests of the world like 'Disease', 'Famine', Lust', etc.

That apart it was a marvel of efficient production and the fact that such an elaborate programme went off without the slightest hitch is a tribute to the organizers.

In the interval Mr. B. G. Kher made a moving appeal for funds for the Andhakshi Ashram which will provide an asylum of the destitute blin women.

K. A. A.

HARIJANS MUST JOIN CONGRESS

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An appeal to join the Congress and to strengthen it was made by Mr. I. S. Patel, presiding over a Harijan meeting in the compound of a chawl at Tulsi Pipe lane, Elphinstone Road, Bombay, on Friday. The meeting was held under the auspices of Vir Bharat Harijan Sangh and was convened to congratulate the Maharaja of Indore for having issued an order to throw open the temples in his state to all Harijans.

Mr. I. S. Patel addressing the gathering remarked that allegiance to Ambedkar's and such other groups should not bear consideration with them when the Congress, a national organisation, was doing its utmost for them. There was a new awakening among the Harijans in the country and the Congress was primarily responsible for such an encouraging outlook among the people of this country. He welcomed the new order of the Maharaja of Indore because that order virtually raised their status.

He appealed to them not to consider that the work, they had been doing was in any way derogatory to their dignity or contemptuous in the eyes of the public. The Congress had appreciated their work and had expressed it so many times in unmistakable and highly glowing terms.

A resolution embodying a congratulatory message to the Maharaja of Indore and appreciating the Congress attitude towards the Harijans was moved by Mr. M. R. Ebrahimpurkar and seconded by Mr. Balaji M. Mane. The resolution was passed with acclamation.

INDIAN ENTERPRISE IN UGANDA

Governor Opens Tobacco Factory At Kakira

(From A Correspondent).

UGANDA. (By Mail).

Kakira which was some years before an uninhabited area has been growing into a most busy centre since the inauguration of sugar factory by the enterprising firm of Messrs. Vithaldas Haridas & Co., Ltd. The public had an opportunity of witnessing the opening of an additional enterprise of the same firm in the form of a tobacco factory of the name of Nile Industrial and Tobacco Co. Ltd. opened by His Excellency, Sir Philip Mitchell recently.

His Excellency the Governor flew from Entebbe to attend and perform the opening ceremony and on his arrival at Kakira was received by the Managing Director of the firm, Mr. Muljibhai P. Madhvani, The Hon. C. P. Dalal, M.B.E., Mr. George Busby, The Hon. H. K. Jaffer and others. Usual introductions were made and His Excellency with his party took their seats on a specially decorated table.

MR. MULJIBHAI'S SPEECH

Mr. Muljibhai welcomed the Governor and other guests on the occasion of the opening of the new tobacco factory and thanked the Governor for his kind acceptance of the invitation to perform the opening ceremony. He reminded His Excellency of his previous visit to Kakira to open their new Sugar Mill about ten months ago and expressed his pleasure that in short a period they were fortunate to see His Excellency among them to inaugurate an entirely new enterprise of tobacco manufacturing.

"Our principals," Messrs. Vithaldas Haridas & Co., Ltd., declared Mr. Muljibhai "have always adopted a go-ahead policy and have therefore been investing all their earnings after development of local industries not only in Uganda but also in Kenya and Tanganyika. As Managing Director of all the associated concerns I have always relied upon full support of the Government and I am confident to make a success of this new enterprise with the help and sympathy of the Government."

Mr. Muljibhai again thanked His Excellency and the guests for gracing the occasion at the cost of their valuable time and requested Mr. George Busby, one of the Directors of the new concern, the Nile Industrial and Tobacco Co., Ltd., to speak about the future policy and aims of the Company.

TOBACCO INDUSTRY IN UGANDA

The total investment after present Factory, etc., amounted roughly to £40,000.

Mr. Busby endeavoured in the course of his speech to show that Tobacco industry was not all smooth sailing in Uganda though the floaters of the present Company were fully confident of Government support and assistance. He desired that in Busoga and Lango Tobacco should be treated as the second cash crop, next in importance only to Cotton.

DIFFICULTIES TO FACE

We applied for 200 acres of land for experimental tobacco cultivation, but the application was not entertained, said Mr. Busby and pointed out an anomalous position of customs and excise duties simultaneously on tobacco leaf to be imported for local manufacture, showing the disability of local industry against foreign competition. Meanwhile the firm were using land on the Kakira Estate and had been experimenting in the West Nile District for the production of Fluecured Tobacco.

GOVERNOR OPENS

His Excellency the Governor, while congratulating the firm on their enterprising spirit, made special mention of the splendid gift of one thousand pounds by Messrs. Vithaldas Haridas and Company Limited for laying out of a public Park in Jinja. Though Tobacco was a luxury and was a secondary crop and though its development in Uganda was closely linked up with the question of fuel supply and afforestation wherever possible, His Excellency said, His Government would assist industrial enterprise to the utmost limit as advised by the Director of Agriculture.

His Excellency was then presented with a gold key by the hosts and the guests were entertained to tea and refreshments after which His Excellency proceeded to declare the factory formally open. The Governor was taken round the factory and was shown various processes employed to turn the raw product into a finished product.

ANOTHER MILESTONE

Thus another milestone in the industrial progress of Uganda was laid by the progressive and enterprising members of the Indian community in Uganda.

2nd All-India Cultural Unity Conference

The Session of the All-India Cultural Unity Conference will be held in Calcutta during the Easter holidays under the presidentship of Sm. Anurupa Debi.

This is the 2nd All-India Cultural Unity Conference will be held under the auspices of The Association of Indian Culture. The Association as the pioneer organisation in this Country and established in 1935 has been arranging public lectures by eminent scholars and savants with special reference to the fundamental unity underlying the different cultures in India and attempting to revive all thesis best in our culture for the creation of a powerful and united India. It is also putting in a ceaseless propaganda for the establishment of a common cultural platform where all might meet and contribute to build up a rejuvenated India by means of Radio Talks, group discussions and such other means. The renaissance of India in her different spheres of activity is the keynote of the aims and ideals of The Association of Indian Culture. The 1st Conference of its kind was held last year in March in Calcutta under the distinguished Presidentship of Sir Francis Younghusband of England.

MAYOR'S PARTY TO GOVERNOR

The Municipal Corporation Hall was tastefully decorated on Friday evening on the occasion of Tea Party given by Dr. E. Moses, the Mayor to H. E. Sir Roger Lumley, the Governor of Bombay.

On arrival in the Corporation Hall, the Governor and Lady Lumley were received by the Mayor and introduced to the Municipal councillors present. After tea, Miss Moses, daughter of the Mayor garlanded the Governor and Lady Lumley. The Governor spent a few minutes going round the Corporation Hall with the Mayor, who showed him the portraits and statues of the distinguished citizens in the Hall. Lady Lumley also went round the Hall talking with Lady Councillors and other Lady Guests invited on the occasion. The guests retired at about sunset.

JUTE WORKERS ON STRIKE

BAREILLY, March 31.

About 2,100 mill-hands of the Mahabir Jute Mills at Sahjanwa have struck work according to a Gorakhpur message, following an alleged reduction in wages. The strike has been going on for the last five days.—A. P.

Century Spinning And Manufacturing Co., Ltd.

An ordinary general meeting of the Century Spg. and Mfg. Co., Ltd., was held at its office with Sir Chunilal V. Mehta, K.C.S.I., as Chairman and the various Resolutions set forth in the Notice dated the 24th of February, 1938, already circulated among the shareholders were duly passed. Also a dividend at the rate of Rs. 8 per share free of income-tax was sanctioned by the shareholders as recommended by the Directors of the Company—payable from 7th of April, 1938.

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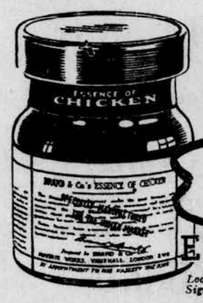

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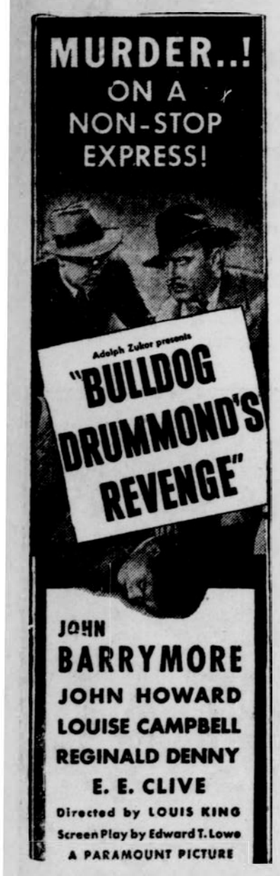

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"CHRONICLE" JUBILEE

The "Hindustan Standard" writes:—

The "Bombay Chronicle" has been the recipient of universal congratulations on completing the twenty-fifth year of its strenuous life, in which we join with thankfulness. In celebrating this occasion, our contemporary has brought out a Special Number replete with articles that record the wonderful changes in the life of the country witnessed during these years. The founder of the paper was Pherozeshah Merwanji Mehta, one of the pioneers of public life, vigilant, watchful and critical, a disciple and a fellow-worker of Dadabhai Naoroji, one of the last of the Gladstonian Liberals in India, who strove hard to reconcile loyalty with patriotism. The first editor was Benjamin Guy Horniman who made the paper an institution in Western India, and who made it an organ voice of Nationalism. And under Horniman's inspiration the "new departure" was made in the policy of the paper that many have said, meant a wrench with the past hallowed with the life and work of Pherozeshah Mehta. Since then Sayud Abdullah Brelvi has held aloft the flag. May he do so for years to celebrate another Jubilee of the "Bombay Chronicle"!

"Servant Of India's" Congratulations

The "Servant of India" writes: The "Bombay Chronicle" has completed its twenty-five years of active national service on the 3rd instant in commemoration of which it has issued an attractive souvenir containing felicitations and greetings from people like Mahatma Gandhi and others. The souvenir also contains accounts of the genesis, growth and the present position of the "Chronicle" by those who were or are connected with the paper. There are, besides, informing articles on many of the burning problems of the day written by people who know their subjects well.

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The idea of a nationalistic daily for Bombay was first inspired by the late Mr. G. K. Gokhale. Sir P. M. Mehta who was opposed by the Anglo-Indian press and the Harrison caucus started the "Bombay Chronicle" to voice forth the views of the people, as there was no other English paper in Bombay to take up the people's cause at that time.

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The career of the "Chronicle" was not a smooth one. What with the press law and the anti-national forces ranged against it, it had every now and then in its career to face many troubles, because the "Chronicle" has always been frank, independent and nationalistic in its outlook.

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Public life in Western India, it may not be an exaggeration to say, owes a great deal to the vigilance and zeal of the "Chronicle" to safeguard and protect the political rights of the people. We are happy to associate ourselves with its jubilations and wish it many more years of national service.

China Govt. Enforce 5-Year-Plan

Self-Sufficiency Drive To Fight Japanese Aggression

CHUNGKING, (By Mail.)

A five-year-plan to make the interior of China, from the Gobi Desert to Indo-China, entirely self-supporting is being formulated in Chungking, the present headquarters of the Chinese Government.

The main object of the plan is to enable this portion of China to supply all the needs of the people in the area without having to rely on imports from abroad. It is the direct result of the possibility of Japan assuming control of the whole Eastern portion of China, from the Yellow River to the South Coast, and so cutting off the interior from the main arteries for its imports.

The new five-year-plan includes programmes for the:—

Reclamation of waste lands;
Improvement of crops;
Better selection of fertilisers;
Introduction of scientific methods of cattle-raising;
Erection of granaries, paper mills and sugar refineries;
Modernisation of the silk industry; and
Centralisation of gold-mining activities.

The first step in the new plan has just been completed, eight modern hot-houses having been built in Szechwan to turn out better silk-worms from the available eggs.

These hot-houses are now functioning and already 230,000 sheets have been turntd out for distribution.

Cotton factories are also being set up near here by Chinese cotton manufacturers who succeeded in "evacuating" the essential parts of their plant from Shanghai and other seaboard towns before the Japanese took control of the areas. It is hoped that they, too, will soon start functioning.—Reuter.

GANDHI SEVA SANGH AND BOMBAY LABOUR

In the course of a Press statement, Mr. R. S. Nimbkar, the labour leader, criticises the intention of the Gandhi Seva Sangha to enter the field of labour.

He states that in India, the strength of the workers is something like ten millions. Out of these, less than three lakhs are organised, either in the United All-India Trade Union Congress or outside it. Much of the organisational work is yet to be achieved and, if an influential body, with powerful resources like the Gandhi Seva Sangha, enters the fields, it ought to be a very welcome thing.

But, adds Mr. Nimbkar, unfortunately the move forebodes disaster for the organised working class ranks as the move seems to be an organised effort to disrupt the present organisation of the Indian working class. If the Seva Sangha workers engaged themselves in areas where the masses are absolutely unorganised, he says, he, for one, would welcome their move.

The whole of the plantation area in our country is untouched and if the Assam and Madras Provincial Congress Committee start organisational work in these tracts, it would be the most beneficial step. Mr. Nimbkar considers that from the pronounced views of some of the most responsible politicians, their intentions seem to be different.

Recently, while declaring a labour centre of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee open, Mr. L. M. Patil, Minister for Local Self-Government, declared the intention of the Congress to start working class organisations in Bombay. The bulk of the working class in Bombay says Mr. Nimbkar, consists of textile workers, and they are organised in the Bombay Girni Kamgar Union (Red Flag). This was a mighty organisation once, but it is crippled now by repression and withdrawal of its recognition.

Still, the Bombay workers follow its lead, and, if the Congress workers want to work in the Textile area, they can work in this organisation and thus help to consolidate the Union and strengthen it. The Congress Ministry can very well use its good offices to secure recognition for this historic and great labour organisation.—United Press.

The result of the Ladies' Bridge and Mahjong Drive held at Government House on March 25 in aid of the Bombay Presidency Branch of the Anti-Tuberculosis Association of India, has proved very satisfactory, and the promoters, Lady Petit and Lady Duggan, have handed to Lady Lumley a cheque for Rs. 1,626-13-6. This amount is made up by the charges for reserving tables, donations from friends and those unable to attend, and a percentage of winnings donated by players.

PEOPLE'S REPRESENTATIVES MUST CAPTURE CIVIC BODY

Demand For Adult Franchise For Bombay Municipal Electorate

Three successful meetings were held under the auspices of the Adult Franchise League during the week for demanding Adult Franchise for the Bombay Municipal Electorate.

The first meeting was held at Dhobi Talao in the Depressed Class locality when Mr. Panthaki presided.

At the outset the President explained the deplorable condition of Bombay's municipal administration, its plague-spots and slum-lands on which landlords and capitalists batten.

If the city was to come in line with other progressive cities of the West it was necessary that the representatives of the masses should dominate the Corporation and this could not be achieved without adult franchise.

Mr. Mindhe Patil then moved the resolutions calling upon the Congress Ministry so to change their proposed Bill for the amendment of the Bombay Municipal Corporation as to enfranchise all adult citizens of Bombay. He referred to the housing of the sweepers and other Depressed Class employees of the municipality and said that such hovels in which thousands of human beings were huddled up in rooms that had neither light nor air nor any kind of sanitation, would not be tolerated in any civilised country.

Mr. Jatekar seconded the resolution and referred to the high infant mortality in the city and said that it was due to the appalling housing condition and the neglect of the municipality.

Mr. G. G. Bhatkute supported the resolution in suitable words after which the resolution was put to vote and passed.

A similar resolution supporting Mr. S. G. Joshi's Bill for Restriction of House Rents was also passed.

CHIRA BAZAAR MEETING

Another meeting was held near Chira Bazaar under the presidency of Mr. Mindhe Patil.

Mr. A. H. Gadre proposed the resolution demanding adult franchise and said that it was only when the people got the right of voting that they would yield real power. This enfranchisement of the masses would automatically lead to the elimination, in course of time, of injustices and grievances from which the people sufferred to-day

Mr. Jatekar seconded the resolution which was suitable and was supported by Mr. G. G. Bhatkute, Ganpatrao Jatekar, Baburao, Ghayatadke and others.

A resolution supporting Mr. S.C. Joshi was also passed.

PAREL MEETING

The third meeting was held at Parel village under the Presidency of Dr. Ramachandra Bhoir.

The Bill for the amendment of the Bombay Municipality was likely to come before the Legislative Assembly in a couple of months and it was the intention of the Adult Franchise League to organise a citizens' march of the Assembly when the bill came before the Assembly. He hoped therefore that citizens of Parel village would join the march with enthusiasm and thus show to the Ministry the strength of public opinion behind the demand.

After some more speeches the gathering continued the Satyanarayan Puja under whose patronage the meeting was held.

PROHIBITION OF TEA

Baghdad Cutchis Welcome Maharaja's Order

BAGHDAD March 28.

The citizens of the Cutch State resident in Baghdad have learnt with much satisfaction the recent orders of His Highness the Maharaja of Cutch prohibiting the sale of tea etc., in restaurants whereby facilitating the use of milk and ghee which are the main commodities for the up-keep of health, and which were not available in the country due to consumption of milk in restaurants and hotels.

SIND MINISTRY

Jairamdas Defines Congress Attitude

CALCUTTA, March 31

Mr. Jairamdas Daulatram, who is now here for the meeting of the Working Committee, in an interview on the Congress attitude towards the new Ministry in Sind, said that the Congress Party had decided that, while remaining in opposition and pressing the Congress programme upon the Ministry and utilising the legislature to push through the Congress programme it would not join Sir Ghulam Hussain Hidayatullah's group in overthrowing the new Ministry for some reasonable time.

"This, however, would not prevent the Congress Party from defeating the new Government's legislative or budgetary proposals, except such as would have constitutional consequence of the overthrow of the Ministry. This policy would be followed for some time during which the work of the new Ministry would be tested by its reaction to public opinion". He concluded that there was no question at the present of the formation of a Congress Coalition ministry in Sind.—United Press.

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Crippling Progress Of Industrialisation

Likely Results Of Revisions Of Income-Tax Law

Sir R. M. Chinoy's Opposition

NEW DELHI, April 1.

The attitude of the Indian commercial community on the question of Income-Tax was frankly stated by Sir Rahimtoola M. Chinoy, in his presidential address to the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry, this afternoon.

"The Indian commercial interests as represented by the Federation," said Sir Rahimtoola, "yield to none in their anxiety to make available to the autonomous provinces adequate financial resources for their plans of economic rejuvenation of the country.

"Though they have the confidence that the finances thus made available will be well spent by the Provincial Government on scheme of public beneficence, they are anxious to see that such measures of raising finances through income-tax do not react on, and cripple, the progress of industrialisation of the country, which was made in spite of the halting policy of discriminating protection and which is a source of employment to millions of our countrymen in all parts of India."

"I have no manner of doubt" added Sir Rahimtoola, 'that if the Central Government are allowed a free hand in revising the Income-Tax law, it will result in giving a permanent set-back to the development of indigenous industries. It will also check the proverbially shy Indian capital from coming into the market, which has recently shown signs of shaking off its shyness, particularly in respect of the sugar industry."

INDIAN NAVY

Dealing with the mechanisation of British units, the President said: "The Government have not given any reasons for the termination of a longstanding arrangement under which, with a payment of £100,000 to His Majesty's Government, the latter were responsible for the naval defence of India. We cannot, therefore, congratulate the Government of India on their commitment, as they have committed this country to unknown and unfathomable liabilities without securing for the Indian Legislature the right to control and to Indianise the Indian navy. I must strongly protest such commitments in the very first year of the partial operation of the Government of India Act without consulting the country."

INDO-BRITISH TRADE AGREEMENT

Sir Rahimtoola dwelling on the protracted Indo-British trade negotiations failed to understand what insurmountable difficulties could stand in the way of the two Governments negotiating an agreement on a really fair and equitable basis.

The President endorsed the suggestion put forward by the public and the commercial community that all such agreements should be submitted to the Central Legislature for ratification, as such a course would afford ample opportunities to discuss the pros and cons of such agreements.

Referring to the attempts made

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THE WORLD AND ITS WAY

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new "crime wave" has other motivations.

A "dagger of honour" was given to German youth, as decoration, as symbol, and for use. Two or three afternoons and Sunday belong to the Hitler Youth, irrespective of the schools. During this period they are trained in Nazi ideals, which include the "instinct of freedom" against the school and the family. The result is now evident.

Crimes of violence increased almost 60 per cent. The many fights and brawls usual among youths everywhere seldom get into the courts. Only serious personal delicts among juveniles come before the courts. Crimes against morals increased more than 150 per cent. most of these being listed as "adultery with children under 14."

Most disturbing of all is the fact that the increase in juvenile crime is most noticeable among college students and apprentices. In four years the number of Gymnasium students before the courts increased more than 100 per cent (627 in 1933 and 1,432 in 1936). Fascist teaching is bearing fruit.

Italian Propaganda

PARIS.—The recent bombings in Paris resulted in the suppression of Italian fascist papers and in police searches for the sources of the funds which kept the papers alive. The police were apparently seeking a French source for these subsidies, but the "Tribuna d'Italia," new fascist organ in Paris, reported proudly its source of revenue. The police were told:

I have never made a secret of that. I have always said and written, and I repeat it once more, that we are operating exclusively by means of Italian money; Italian money, which comes from Italy, just as for years I have been receiving funds from Italy which enable me to live modestly here. I have never received money from French sources. Always and exclusively my work was financed from Italy.

Anti-Semitism In Japan

VIENNA—Irene Harand, valiant fighter against anti-Semitism, reports some curious stories from Japan. Sections of the Japanese press have discovered that all of Japan's troubles are due to the Jews. The Jews, operating through British banks and railroads, destroyed the loyalty of the Chinese officials to Japan; the Jews, operating through Soviet Russia, stirred up the Chinese masses to anti-Japanese actions. The Jew, Sir Frederick Leith-Ross, reformed Chinese currency in 1935 with American and British aid; the International Settlement of Shanghai and the French concession are dominated by Jews. Finally, Chiang-Kai-Shek's personal adviser, W. H. Donald, is listed as a Jew.

It need not only be added that neither Sir Frederick nor Mr. Donald are Jews. The whole thing is typically anti-Semitic fabrication. No wonder the "North China Daily News" commented that "it would be interesting to know why a correspondent wastes his time and the space in his paper to manufacture such lying nonsense."

MANSA SATYAGRAHA

Grave Allegations Against Police

The following telegram has been sent by the Mansa Khedut Committee to the Agent to the Governor-General and to the Political Agent, Sadra:—

"Police of Mansa stormed Pujapara village and beat 150 women surrounding four men, whom the police threatened to seize. Several men and women beaten and injured. Two women, Jamna and Khembai cruelly beaten and removed to Mansa with blood-stained clothes and wounds to prevent their being taken as evidence to Sadra. Both women were made naked publicly and thrown into motor by State Police."

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to exclude Indians for the enjoyment of certain rights and privileges in the colonies of Kenya, Tanganyika, Sir Rahimtoola observed: "The experience of the Government of India's own accredited representative who just retired from the post of Agent-General Sir Raza Ali is neither happy nor encouraging. In the small protectorate of Zanzibar controlled and administered for all practical purposes by the British Resident, ceaseless efforts are made under the garb of clove-growers' interests to drive the Indian trader out of the country. I fervently hope that with all their differences with us on political and economic issues in India, the Government of India will stand by their subjects in a fight with any other non-Empire or Empire country on a question of their rights and privileges in those parts of the world."

Trade Union Must Have Right To Negotiate With Employer

Privilege To Hold Meeting Inside Employer's Premises Demanded; N. T. U. Federation's Memorandum To Government

The following Memorandum has been addressed to the Commissioner of Labour, Bombay, by the Hon. Secretary, National Trade Union Federation:—

We have carefully considered the views expressed by employers on the subject of recognition of Trade Unions. Before expressing our views on every condition which the employers wish to impose for the purpose of recognition, we would like to make it clear, at the outset, that it is wrong on the part of the employers to view the act of recognising unions as a concession to be shown to the workers.

It is one of the fundamental rights of labour to demand recognition of trade unions, as recognition primarily means the right of a union to negotiate with the employer in respect of matters affecting either the common or the individual interests of its members.

We do not accept the demand that the Executive of a Union should have only 10 to 15 per cent. outsiders. Any person who is interested in the cause of labour should have a right to be elected on the Executive of a Trade Union without taking into consideration the proportion in the number of outsiders on its Executive.

VOLUNTARY MEMBERSHIP

We agree to the principle that the membership of a Union should be purely voluntary. But it is absolutely absurd to suppose that a union can increase its membership by resorting to methods of intimidation and victimisation of workers who are not members.

We accept the principle that peaceful and legitimate methods should be followed by the union in all its activities, but it cannot be accepted as a condition for recognition because it would only defeat the object of any legislation for recognition of unions, as such condition would arm the employer with the power of denying or plea that the activities of a union advocate violence.

We agree to the condition that withdrawing recognition on the the Union should neither directly or indirectly encourage or countenance the subversion of internal discipline in a factory.

There is no justification for the employers to demand that the union should not encourage class war, as that would go against the principle that an employer cannot dictate the policy of a union as long as he does not allow the Union to dictate the policy of the employer.

We agree to the conditions that the union should not carry on its activities on the premises or during working hours except to the extent mutually agreed upon between the union and the employer and that the union should be registered under the Indian Trade Unions Act.

We agree that the union should send to the employer a copy of its rules and regulations and any amendments which may be made from time to time, but we cannot accept that the same should receive the employer's approval for the obvious reason that the acceptance of this condition would convert a genuine trade union into a company union under the dictatorship of the employer.

Almost all the conditions, which we are not prepared to accept, are calculated to reduce the union to a weak and lifeless organization. A union recognised on these conditions is worse than a union which is not recognised, so far as the interests of the workers are concerned. It is extremely interesting to note that the same view is expressed by the Royal Commission on Indian Labour who stated that "the employer who in any other way tries to weaken the influence of the union he has recognised, is in no way better than the employer who denies recognition outright, and is as little likely to advance the cause of peace". Needless to say that the conditions to which we do not agree are meant to weaken the influence of the union.

VIEWS ON IMPLICATIONS OF RECOGNITION

As regards the implications of recognition our views may be summed up as follows:

We fully endorse the view expressed by the Royal Commission on Labour in India on the implication of recognition of unions. The Commission stated, "in our view recognition should mean that the employer recognises the right of the union to negotiate with him in respect of matters affecting either the common or the individual interests of its members."

In addition to the right of recognition, the following rights should be conceded to a recognised union:—

Rights to the collection of union subscriptions in the employer's premises on pay days.

Right to circulate notices and other literature in employer's premises, including the right to post notices of meetings on notice boards.

Right to hold meetings inside the employer's premises outside working hours.

Right to interview the employer's representative by the officers of the union at least four times during a month.

In conclusion, the union expects Government to see that the proposed legislation in the matter of recognition of Trade Unions is strictly based on the recognised principles of the Trade Union Movement and equity and justice so that it may ensure unhampered growth of the Trade Union Movement in this Presidency on sound lines and strong foundations and promote better and more cordial relationship between capital and labour.

NUTRITIONAL SURVEY TO BE UNDERTAKEN IN BENGAL

CALCUTTA, March 31.

The "Associated Press" understands that a nutritional survey throughout Bengal, specially among the student community, will shortly be undertaken by the Government of Bengal.

The Calcutta University have just been informed that the local Government in the Department of Public Health and Local self-Government (public health branch) have sanctioned the requisite staff for carrying out examinations.—A.P.

REFORMS IN MYSORE

BANGALORE, March 31.

There is nothing to preclude the Committee from making any recommendations including the introduction of Responsible Government in the State in such form as may be suitable to the condition of the state declared Mr. Srinivas Iyengar, Chairman of the Special Committee on Constitutional Reforms, interviewed by the Associated Press.

Asked whether the proceedings of the Committee will be open to the Press, Mr. Srinivas Iyengar said it had not yet been decided. He would convene a preliminary meeting of the members of the Committee shortly, when procedure and other details will be fixed.—A. P.

NEW DELHI—The Government of India have directed that with effect from April 1, 1938 the rate of licence fee levied by the India Tea Licencing Committee for export licence or permit issued by it shall be Rs. 1 per 1,000 lb. of tea covered by such licence or permit.

KHATAU MAKANJI MILL WORKERS

The General Secretary of the Bombay Girni Kamgar Union writes:—

Few weeks ago the Management of the Khatau Makanji Mills divided their workers into 3 shifts and now they had decided to close the two and run only one. They have also given notices 'en block' to some departments of the Mill. A great consideration prevails among the workers of this Mill.

Some of the departments of the Mill had to go on strike on or about the last pay-day to secure increase as recommended by the Government of Bombay.

The Bombay Girni Kamgar Union (Red Flag) held a meeting of the workers of the Mill on Thursday evening, which was addressed by Messrs. Bhise, Nimbkar, Patkar and others. They advised the workers to unite and prepare for a strike in case the owners did not redress their grievances. They wanted the Management to re-engage all old hands and not recruit new workers.

The need for the adoption by the Madras Government and Municipalities of an active policy for the suppression of traffic in women and children was emphasised at a public meeting in Madras, Sir P. S. Sivaswami Iyer presiding. Mrs. Margarate Cousins pleaded for the starting of a central rescue home in the city under the aegis of Government.

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SANTA CRUZ CHARITY FETE

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

VILE PARLE, April 1.

An event looked forward to with great interest not only by the Suburban residents but also by those of Bombay is the opening of the Santa Cruz Charity Fete at the Willingdon Catholic Gymkhana Grounds on Easter Sunday afternoon by His Grace the Archbishop of Bombay.

The Fete which has been planned to be both educative and entertaining will be held during Easter Week on 17th, 18th and 19th April, 1938. A Grand Fancy Dress Ball will be held on the night of the 17th (Easter Sunday), which is expected to draw a record crowd from Bombay and Suburbs. On the 18th Easter Monday there will be a "Treasure Hunt" specially organized for children, which is sure to be a source of great fun to the little folk. This will be followed by a Variety Concert to be presented by the Santa Cruz Amateur Dramatic and Musical Society, who have already earned a name for themselves by their successful performances of Gilbert and Sullivan's famous operas, such as "Gondoliers" and "Patience." On the third and last day of the Fete, there will be a Baby Show followed by a Children's Concert and Pantomime. A "Cinderella Dance" from 9-30 p.m. till midnight will round off the Fete.

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BOMBAY TRADE DISPUTES BILL

Workers' Interests Not Safeguarded

(BY S. GURUSWAMI, General Secretary, All-India Railwaymen's Federation and President of the Madras Provincial Confederation of Trade Unions).

The proposed Bill for suppression of Trade Disputes, sponsored by Bombay Government in a far-reaching and unprecedented measure. If the Bill is passed into law nearly 26,000 Railwaymen employed in 46 Railway Factories, such as Hubli Workshops registered under Section 2 (J) of the Factories, within the Bombay Province, will come immediately under the provisions of the Bill and the remaining Railway workers progressively if and when the Bombay Government so decides by a 'Gazette' Notification.

The Bill is calculated to suppress strikes and lock-outs declared for regulating relations between Employers and workers. Read with the India Government Legislation suppressing political rights such as involved in refusal to handle goods supplied by aggressor countries like Japan or Germany, it may be safely stated that death-knell to strikes as a weapon for securing redress will have been sounded if this Bombay measure is placed on the Statute Book.

Section XXII of the Bill says that it shall be unlawful for an employer to declare a lock-out or for the workmen to go on strike:—

(1) Until such time as the conciliation and or arbitration machinery provided under the Bill and available on the joint application by both the parties has failed to bring about a settlement of a Trade dispute; or

(2) On account of any grievance or dispute covered by Section VIII-A of the Act i.e. in connection with any demand concerning alteration in the terms of contract of service; or

(3) On the question of any interpretation or in breach of any agreement or works rules; or

(4) Before not less than six months have elapsed since the dates of any agreement covering the subject matter of the dispute was reached according to the provisions of the Bill and other formalities are fulfilled.

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Lock-out wages may be paid to workers in respect of illegal lock-outs under Section XXXII of the Bill and strikers involved in illegal strikes may be each fined a day's wage for each day such strike continues, besides other penalties.

If a Trade dispute is not settled arbitration with binding awards is made compulsory in regard to matters connected with the interpretation of the terms of a registered agreement or award and in cases where both parties jointly apply to the Minister concerned for appointing an Arbitration Board, the findings of the latter body if unanimous are binding, if not unanimous an Umpire will be appointed whose award is equally binding.

The wording of Section XXII of the Bill is capable of mischievous interpretation. No strike or lock-out can be declared "until such time as conciliation and or arbitration machinery provided under this Act has failed to bring about a settlement of the dispute." The machinery under the Act would fail only when there is no joint application for arbitration in the last stage and the Minister concerned cannot otherwise take cognisance on the ground that a question of interpretation only is involved and in such a case, if the dispute relates to alteration of contractual terms no strike or lock-out can be legally declared.

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If it is shown that the other party willing to make a joint application for arbitration but the party which may instigate a strike or lock-out was not so willing, the machinery provided under the Bill having not failed, the aggressor party may be adjudged guilty of an illegality even if the various other restrictions mentioned in Section XXII are overcome. It is a question whether as long as the arbitration machinery provided under the Act is not invoked due to recalcitrance of either party, the said machinery can be deemed to have failed to settle a dispute.

The Employers are placed under the advantage of framing service rules to get rid of unwanted workers by terminating service with due notice and without mentioning reasons and evading the provisions relating to lock-out. The penalty for breach of binding awards by employers not amounting to a lock-out is not mentioned. It is for lawyers to state whether in such cases civil damages will accrue for violating the terms of an award or agreement. Where there is ample safeguard against strikes, the employers are under no necessity to resort to lock-outs ordinarily.

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In order to further minimise the possibilities of a strike or lock-out special privileges are provided in order that recognised Unions may have arbitration arrangements with employers and agree to abide by the awards. The agreements so reached in relation to a recognised Union having a majority membership of not less than 20 per cent. of the total number in a particular trade or occupation or area will automatically be binding on the rest of the industry and other Unions even recognised ones can only play second fiddle to the majority Union whose agreements cannot be questioned or rejected without undergoing legal penalties. There is a possibility of employers encouraging bogus Unions with a view to impose their conditions on members of bona fide Trade Unions.

Having suppressed all possibilities of a successful strike by imposing drastic penalties, the Bill seeks to create an army of Government Conciliators and Labour Officers who will represent labour virtually at the bidding of employers. The Bill provides that members of unrecognised Unions shall be represented by Labour Officers only and when recognition is based on the discretion of the employers concerned, it is clear that Labour Officers are intended to supplant Unions not wanted by the employers.

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In respect of recognised Unions without approved arbitration procedure provision for compulsory negotiation, conciliation and finally arbitration is provided for discussing and rediscussing matters with Labour Officers and Conciliators as intermediaries.

In respect of recognised Unions with internal arrangement for arbitration, they are left to their own.

Provision has been made to register service agreements, awards, establishment or rules etc. for each trade or industry concerned.

Elaborate procedure is prescribed for delaying alteration in service conditions of employers by prescribing tortuous procedure of negotiations with a pretence of provision for hearing the workers' side. This part of the Bill will provide ammunition for embarrassing employers by irresponsible persons.

There is no statutory recognition of non-communal Unions having a reasonable percentage of membership nor protection against victimisation for Trade Union activities nor any facilities for recognised Unions worth the name beyond being saved the presence of Labour Officers in preliminary stages of Trade disputes. The Bill does not make it worth while to have Trade Unions. It has not the saving grace of Australian laws where arbitration is compulsory and binding and Trade Unions are given special protection and encouragement. Even the arbitration arrangements proposed under the Bill are very crude and are not easily available unless both parties agreed to the same, which when it happens, does not require Government legislation to effect settlements.

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One effect of the Bill would be to make unrecognised Unions irresponsible and to encourage propaganda for alterations in service conditions with unnecessary bitterness while evading the provisions of the law relating to strikes. Capital will find to its bitter cost that the Bill will fail to fulfil the declared objections and will unexpectedly result in Labour turning more politically-minded instead of resting content with reformist and temporarily palliative methods of redressing workers' grievance. Possibly the new Bill may prove a blessing in disguise for the workers who believe in a socialistic and not the ordinary Trade Union method of approach of workers' problems. As it is the Bill removes the word "Strike" from Trade Union vocabulary and is possible preliminary to suppression of Trade Unionism itself.

Temptations for breaking the law on the part of workers on a mass scale by illegal strikes are many in view of the unhealthy restrictions sought to be imposed. Perhaps it is the intention of the framers of the Bill to give excuse to Governors to interfere in the name of law and order and absolve the cabinets of all responsibility for suppressing Unions involved in strike.

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The whole Bill seems to be a hotchpotch affair based on the Gandhian theory of conciliation and arbitration as practised by the Ahmedabad Textile Workers' Union. The proposal to introduce this Bill by Mr. Gulzari Lal Nanda of Ahmedabad fame coupled with the recent attitude adopted by the Congress Party in the Central Assembly during the discussions of the Trade Disputes Amending Bill shows how the workers' interests have been betrayed by the Indian National Congress.

The Bill has no parallel in any civilised Governments of the world. The Karachi resolutions on the fundamental rights of workers, the right to strike and the right to form Trade Unions to protect economic and political rights seem to have been thrown to the winds.

WHY ENHANCE FREIGHTS?

Indian Commerce Chamber's Protest

NEW DELHI, April 1.

The eleventh annual meeting of the Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry met this morning at the old Assembly Hall, with the Hon'ble Sir Rahimtoola M. Chinoy in the Chair.

Besides representatives from member bodies, a number of members of the Central Legislature attended the session and a luncheon party given by the President.

In the morning session, resolutions on encouraging Indian Shipping, criticising the recommendations of the Wedgwood Committee and protesting against the enhancement of freights and the discrepancies between the Indian and Burma postal rates, were moved from the Chair and carried.

Mr. D. P. Khaitan, Mr. Gurusharanlal and Mr. G. N. Banerji sponsored a resolution on the need for a proper industrial research and the association of non-official Indians with the Research Bureau, which was also adopted.

Before the session adjourned for lunch, another resolution urging the imperative necessity for the co-ordination of factory and labour legislation and asking the Governments to share the burden of labour welfare work, moved by Mr. Gordhandas Morarji of Bombay and supported by Mr. Inder Singh of Cawnpore, was carried.—United Press.

INDIA'S DELEGATES TO I. L. C.

NEW DELHI, April 1.

Since Mr. A. G. Clow, Labour Secretary, has been appointed to officiate as Communications Member, when Sir Thomas Stewart acts as Governor of Bihar, his leave has been cancelled and he will not be appointed as an official delegate to the International Labour Conference.

The High Commissioner for India will be one of the Government of India's delegates at Geneva. Other delegates will be selected shortly.—United Press.

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(From Our Special Correspondent)
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MONEY

Money was easier during the period under review, call loans being available from 1 to ...1½ per cent.

The excess of Rs. 1 crore of Treasury Bills maturities over renewals coupled with the proceeds of sterling sales to Government amounting to £340,000 accounted for the comparative easiness apparent in the monetary situation. The Imperial Bank statement of the 25th March shows a decrease of Rs. 102 lakhs under the item "Advances", while "Other Deposits" have also advanced by Rs. 37 lakhs. A rise of about Rs. 203 lacs in the "Banks Deposits" with the Reserve Bank of India is revealed in the Bank's weekly statement made upto 25th March. Government deposits with the Reserve Bank have further advanced by Rs. 215 lacs. The average rate of acceptance on three months' Treasury Bills, which was Rs. 1-9-9 per cent. last week, was a trifle lower at Rs. 1-8-9 per cent. per annum this week, and Government accept Rs. 1 crore out of an aggregate of Rs. 3,34,75,000 tendered. Term money rates were practically unchanged: 3 to 6 months being quoted at 2 per cent. and 12 months at 1-3/4 per cent.

GILT EDGED

Gilt edged ruled fairly steady during the week, movements being confined to a very narrow range. Business was negligible, investors preferring to wait pending the clarification of the European political situation. 3-1/2 per cent. India Sterling Stock was unchanged around £90-1/2, earlier in the week, but later advanced to £90-3/4 and closed unchanged. Locally, 3-1/2 per cent. Rupee Paper, after opening at Rs. 97-12, gradually advanced to Rs. 98-1-6 midweek, but declined and closed at Rs. 97-10. Other scrips showed very little changes; 2-3/4 per cent. loan kept stagnant around Rs. 100-5 throughout the week, while 4-1/2 per cent. 1955/60, after remaining unchanged at 118-8, jumped to Rs. 119 at the close. 3 per cent. 1941 loan was quoted at Rs. 103-3 per cent. 1951-54 loan at Rs. 102-6 and 3-1/2 per cent. 1947-50 loan at Rs. 106-1. 4 per cent. 1943 bonds were virtually pegged around Rs. 108-5 per cent. 1939-44 loan around Rs. 104 and 5 per cent. 1940-43 loan around Rs. 107. 5 per cent. 1945-55 (tax free) loan was quoted at Rs. 118-4 and 5-1/2 per cent. 1938-40 loan at Rs. 102.

EXCHANGE

Sterling exchange was quieter during the week with sellers of spot T.T. quoting 1s. 6-3/32d. and buyers 1s. 6-1/8d. The easier monetary situation was largely responsible for the quiet tone prevailing in this section. There was no fresh business for export of gold, although a fair amount of sovereigns was shipped last week. Tenders to Government at 1s. 6-1/8d. were comparatively few at £340,000 which were accepted in full and Government have reduced the amount of weekly tenders to £1 million from next week.

Movements in the foreign exchange market in London were erratic during the latter part of the week particularly in the New York/London cross-rate. Opening at 496.12 cents, the sterling/dollar rate gradually improved to 495.57 cents earlier in the week, but later reacted to 497.62 cents following repatriation of foreign funds due to improved European political outlook. The premium on three months' forward dollars narrowed from 0.75 cents to 0.67 cents on Tuesday

but widened once again and closed at 0.70 cents. The sterling/franc rate, after opening at frs. 162.87, rose to frs. 165.31 on reports of renewed labour unrest in France. Later, however, the franc rallied sharply to 163.12 at the close. The discount on three months' forward position kept narrowing persistently from frs. 4.180 to frs. 3.875, but reacted and closed at frs. 4.00. The guilder moved between 8.97-3/16 and 8.96-27/32 for spot, while the premium on three months' forward was held rigidly around 2.75 cents throughout. The belga opened at 29.44-1/2 and gradually firmed up to 29.37-1/2 at the close, while the Italian lira moved narrowly between 94.50 and 94.17.

Owing to exchange restrictions in Shanghai, the Shanghai dollar slumped from 14-1/16d. to 10d. midweek closing at 12-1/2d. while the yen was practically unchanged at 1s. 2d.

GOLD

The price of gold ruled firm in the local market owing to paucity of supplies and persistent enquiry for spot. The price accordingly ruled well above export parity throughout the period spot being quoted at about 3 annas over parity. The quotations for spot rose from Rs. 34-12-3 to Rs. 34-15-0 mid-week. The quotation for end of April settlement stood at 1 anna and that for May settlement at 2 annas under spot. The quotation in London dropped from 140s. 2-1/2d. to 139s. 11d. on Tuesday in consonance with the dollar, but improved and closed at 140s. 1/2d. The premium over the dollar arbitrage parity ranged between 1/2d. and 1d. The price for sovereigns was almost unchanged at Rs. 22-12-6 both for spot and forward and the demand for the coins was waning. Stocks on hand are estimated at about 25,000 tolas. Daily arrivals from up-country are estimated at 10,000 tolas and offtake at 1,000 tolas. Gold coins and bullion valued at Rs. 1,04,311 were imported during the week, while last week's shipment to London per s.s. "Maloja" is worth Rs. 48.72 lacs. The highest and lowest rates touched during the week are: Rs. 34-15-6 and Rs. 34-12-3 for spot, Rs. 34-14-0 and Rs. 34-11-6 for end of April settlement and Rs. 34-12-6 and Rs. 34-10-6 for May settlement.

SILVER

The local silver market witnessed one of the most active periods of trading with a downward tendency. The abrogation of the Mexico-American agreement on silver in the early part of the week caused panic in the silver markets all over and there was a heavy spate of selling both in Bombay and in London. The movement was further accentuated by the reduction in the American Treasury's foreign silver buying price from 45 to 43 cents. Quotation in the local market, which stood at Rs. 51-8-6 at the opening, was slashed down to Rs. 47-12 on Tuesday following a sharp drop of nearly 2d. in the price of silver in London. At the lower level, there was good offtake locally and India sent moderate buying orders to London where also good resistance was in evidence. Consequently, the price in the local market advanced sharply from Rs. 47-12 to Rs. 49-5-6 on Wednesday, but as the London fixing was disappointing the rate again reacted to Rs. 48-1-6. Yesterday, however, a steady tone was perceptible following the news that the Mexican Government were minting about 50 million silver dollars and that there was a possibility of some settlement between the American and Mexican Government. The price accordingly advanced to Rs. 49-6, but declined somewhat on profit-taking and closed at Rs. 49-0. In London, the price of the metal, after remaining fairly steady at 20-3/8d., fell briskly to 18-3/8d. on Tuesday, but rallied and closed at 18-13/16d. The quotation for two months' forward delivery likewise slumped from 20-1/8d. to as low as 18-1/8d., but improved at the end to 18-9/16d. Locally, the tone of the market was uncertain pending the clarification of the Mexico-American dispute and the fluctuations will depend upon the American Treasury's foreign buying price in the outside markets. Stocks on hand are estimated at 4,500 bars, while the offtake is some 170 bars a day. Silver coins worth Rs. 57,169 were imported during the week. Yesterday's arrivals per s.s. Corfu are valued at £3,600, while silver worth £11,500 is 'en route' to Bombay. The highest and lowest rates touched during the week are: Rs. 51-8-6 and Rs. 47-12 for spot, Rs. 51-9-6 and Rs. 47-13 for End of April settlement and Rs. 51-11 and Rs. 47-14-0 for May settlement.

SHARES

The local share market ruled easier during the week following discouraging advices from outside markets, particularly New York, where the prices fell sharply all-round. Steel shares, as usual, were the worst sufferers, Defds. touching as low as Rs. 925 and Ordys. Rs. 219. Towards the close, on some general buying and bear covering, the rates closed

MODERATE FLUCTUATIONS IN COTTON

Considerable Stale Bull Liquidation In Broach Contract On Approach Of Lenders

Bombay, March 31.

Messrs. P. Chrystal and Co. in their weekly report state—

After a week of moderate fluctuations the nett changes in the Futures markets as noted above have not been large, but the tone generally has continued poor. The international situation generally is so unsettled it is difficult to develop much confidence in a commodity such as cotton in spite of the very low price level. This lack of confidence is also in evidence in most share and many other commodity markets. As this cotton season progresses the statistical position steadily grows worse as consumption figures become less favourable and the present estimate of supplies is now somewhat larger than it was a short time ago. The steady decline in consumptive ability of the World in general is not surprising in view of the declining buying power due to poorer prices of primary products combined with increasing taxation much of which is caused by armament expenditure and fresh social services which the peoples of the world are hardly in a position to face at the present time. The outlook for cotton consequently is exceedingly obscure. Admittedly prices are at a level at which in normal times production would have been discouraged but the difficulty is to find some alternative crop which would be more remunerative. The inane policy being adopted by the American Administration in recent years has resulted in the building up a huge reserve of cotton which must act adversely on cotton prices for a long time to come. It appears as if we are in for a period of small fluctuations.

The local market has moved within narrow limits. Export demand is still very poor and with quiet cloth and yarn markets Indian Mills have shown little interest. The offtake of actual cotton has been small but there has been much activity in the more speculative contracts. As we approach the first tender day of Broach cotton there has been considerable stale bull liquidation most of which has been absorbed by straddle reversing which in turn has acted unfavourably on the American markets. The open straddle interest must have been reduced considerably. The Broach contract is not yet attractive as a buying proposition as most longs cannot want cotton and the need for such to liquidate must be more urgent than is the case with holders of sales, most of which are now on straddle account or ligitimate hedges against actual cotton.

COTTON TENDERS

Bombay, April 1.

	Bales
Broach	4000

AMERICAN COTTON FIGURES.

F.P. Bales	1937-38	1936-37
Receipts to date 31-3-38	7310000	6230000
Receipts Yesterday 31-3-38	8000	27000
Exports to date 31-3-38	4884000	4624000
Stock at Ports 25-3-38	3044000	1869000
Stock at Interior Towns 25-3-38	2428000	1619000
Stock at Liverpool 25-3-38	1203000	969000
Visible Supply 25-3-38	7228000	5151000
Quantity in sight 25-3-38	12528000	11656000
Quantity out of sight 25-3-38	8179000	9756000

better at Rs. 1,050 and Rs. 241 respectively. Cotton mills also suffered sympathetic fall. Bombay Dyeing fell from Rs. 912-8 to Rs. 840, but rallied and closed at Rs. 885, while Centuries, after touching Rs. 240 recovered and closed at Rs. 255. Central India's lost about 227 points to Rs. 228-12, but finished better at Rs. 243-12. Colabas touched Rs. 165, while Kohinoors were freely offered at declining rates the quotation losing ground persistently from Rs. 308-12 to Rs. 281-4, closing at Rs. 290. New Greats changed hands at Rs. 248-12. In the Hydro-electric section, Andhra Valleys shed over 65 points to Rs. 1385, but recovered at the close to Rs. 1420, while Tata Hydro kept steady around Rs. 145. Bombay Trams were in good demand at hardening rates, the quotation gradually advancing from Rs. 119-11 to Rs. 125-15 at the end. Tata Powers were well maintained around Rs. 1360 earlier in the week, but declined briskly to Rs. 1,320 on Wednesday, recovering at the close to Rs. 1,345. Amongst Banks, Bank of India's were done at Rs. 142-8, and Central Banks at Rs. 31. Imperial Bank Fully Paids were on the downward trend earlier in the week, the quotation declining from Rs. 1,555 to Rs. 1,535, on Tuesday but later reacted and closed at Rs. 1,550 while Partly Paids showed little change around Rs. 383-12. Reserve Banks continued their downward trend from Rs. 117-12 to Rs. 115-12 at the finish. Railway shares were fairly steady, Ahmedabad Prantij moving from Rs. 925 to Rs. 922-8, while Tapti Valleys were maintained around Rs. 727-8 xd all through. In the miscellaneous section, Associated Cements touched Rs. 116 closing at Rs. 119-8 while Belapurs were down to Rs. 152-8, but were better at Rs. 156-4 at the end. Bombay Burmas, after opening at Rs. 595, weakened to Rs. 552-8, but improved at the close to Rs. 580, while Scindia Steams moved narrowly between Rs. 20-6 and Rs. 19-5.

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NEW YORK COTTON SIX POINTS DOWN

Slight Improvement In London Silver

BOMBAY, April 1.

NEW YORK COTTON.

Market displayed moderate activity, on scattered support influenced by scarcity of contracts. Movements slow in absence of speculative interest.

LIVERPOOL WHEAT.

Market fairly active despite lower overseas, cables. Sentiment cheerful on unfavourable Australian crop reports

CHICAGO WHEAT.

Prices kept steady on some local support but demand was slow with favourable weather reports.

COTTON

LATEST NEW YORK COTTON PRICES

MAY 1938

New York, April 1.

Previous closing	8.63
To-day's opening	8.63
Difference	unchanged
To-day's closing	8.57
Difference	—.06

LIVERPOOL COTTON

MAY 1938.

Liverpool, April 1.

Previous closing	4.78
To-day's opening	4.78
Difference	unchanged
To-day's closing	4.78
Difference	unchanged

BROACH EXPECTATION

New April May ..... Rs. 162-12

N. Y. COTTON MARKET

New York, April 1.

New York cotton displayed moderate activity on scattered support influenced by scarcity of contracts but there was nothing in days news to stimulate speculative interest with consequent slow movements.

Trading in May commenced at 8.63 i.e. unchanged from previous closing prices kept steady on better Liverpool cables but movements were restricted with incentive lacking due to absence of fresh developments with price hovering round opening level.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, April 1.

The following were the opening ranges:—

May (8.61/8.60) 8.55/8.63
July (8.68/8.67) 8.70/8.70
October (8.71/8.71) 8.74/8.74

LIVERPOOL COTTON

Liverpool, April 1.

May (4.78) 4.80

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Bombay, April 1.
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EXCHANGES

CROSS RATES

T. T. New York On London

New York, April 1.

Previous closing	4.96 5/16
To-day's opening	Not received
At the time of New York cotton closing	4.96 7/16

T T LONDON ON NEW YORK

London, April 1.

Previous closing	4.96.56
To-day's opening	4.96.31
To-day's closing	4.96.40

FRANC RATE

London, April 1.

Previous closing	162.06
To-day's opening	162.62
To-day's closing	161.68

LONDON EXCHANGES

London, April 1.

London exchanges opened with sterling dollar 4.96.31 and then improved to 4.96.43 subsequently improving further to 4.96.46.

Franc opened at 162.62 and then improved slightly to 162.56 with steady tendency.

CROSS RATES

London on Bombay (1-6 1/8) 1-6 1/8
Paris on Bombay (12.205) 12.250
New York on Bombay (37.51) 37.49
Berlin on Bombay (0.93 3/8) 0.93 3/8
London on Milan (94.30) 94.35
London on Shanghai (1-0 1/2 nominal) 1-0 1/2 nominal.
London on Kobe (1-1 31/32) 1-1 31/32

DISCOUNTS

3 months (9/16 per cent to 9/16 per cent) 9/16 per cent to 9/16 per cent.
4 months (9/16 per cent to 5/8 per cent) 9/16 per cent to 5/8 per cent.
6 months 5/8 per cent to 5/8 per cent) 5/8 per cent to 5/8 per cent.

BULLION

SILVER CABLES

Bombay, April 1.

The following cable information was received from London:—

"India bought. Bears covering. Market. Steady."

LONDON SILVER

London, April 1.

Spot	(18 13/16d.) 19d.
Forward	(18 9/16d.) 18 5/8d.

LONDON GOLD

London, April 1.

London Gold Fine per ounce (£7-0-0 7-0-0 1/2

3½ P. C. GOVT. PAPER

Closing Quotations

Bombay, April 1.

The 3 1/2 per cent Government paper closed finally at Rs. 97-12-0 at 5 p.m.

INDIAN STERLING LOAN

London, April 1.

The 3 1/2 per cent Indian Sterling Loan closed to-day at 91.

INDIAN LOANS

London, April 1. 4-30 p.m.

3 per cent Indian (£99) £99
3 1/2 per cent Indian (£90 3/4) £91
4 1/2 per cent Indian Stock (£112) £112 1950-55
4 1/2 per cent Indian (£115 1/2) £115 3/4 1958-68
4 per cent Indian (£10/ 1/2) £107 1/2 1948-68
5 per cent Indian (£111 1/2) 1942-47
3 1/2 per cent New Indian (£103 1/2) £103 1/2 1954-59

AUSTRALIAN LOANS

5 per cent Australian Loan (£106 1/2) £107 1/4 1945/70

BRITISH FUNDS

2 1/2 per cent Consols (£73 5/8) £73 3/4
3 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan (£100 1/2) £100 1/2
4 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan (£105 3/4) £105 7/8
5 per cent Funding Loan (£111 1/8) £111 1/8
3 1/2 per cent War Loan (£101 1/2) £101 1/2
4 per cent Victory Bonds (£111 3/8) £111 5/8

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, April 1.

London Stock Exchange was moderately active on scattered support Giltedged securities were in good request three and a half quoted at 91 i.e. five shillings higher than previous closing.

INDUSTRIALS

Standard Motors (12-6) 12-10 1/2
Marks and Spencer Ordinary (47-6) 48-9
Hydro Electric (3 1/4) 3 1/2
Elec Music Industry (11-9) 11-9
Princhin Johnson (28-6) 28-6
Imperial Chemical (30-0) 30-6
Woolsworth New Ordinary (61-4 1/2) 62
San Paulo 6 per cent Coffee Rates 1930 (£24) £22 Ex Div.
Dunlop Rubber 26-7 1/2) 26-7 1/2
Unilever Ordinary (34-4 1/2) 35-4 1/2
Ford Motors (19-6) 19-6
Cables and Wireless New Ordinary (£56) £58 3/4
British American Tobacco Ordinary (£94 3/8) £94 3/8
Carreas 'A' (£6 3/4) £6 3/4
Imperial Tobacco Ordinary (132-6) 132-6
P. and O. S. N. Company Deferred (19-0) 19-0
Distillers (91-6) 91-6
Bradfords Dyers (4-6) 4-6
British Celanese (3-9) 3-9
J and P Coates Ordinary (35) 35
Courtaulds Ordinary (38-9) 38-9
Fine Cotton Spinners (4-1 1/2) 4-1 1/2
Vickers Limited Ordinary (21-10 1/2) 22-3
Inter Nickels (39 7/8) 39 7/8
Indian Iron and Steel Ordinary (41-3) 41-3
Tata Steel Debenture (£104) £104

TEA SHARES

Assam Company (16-10 1/2) 16-3
Donard Tea (40) 40
Empire of India (25-0) 25-0

RUBBER SHARES

Anglo Dutch Rubber (19-0) 19-6
Gula Kelampong (17-6) 18-9
Rubber Plant Inv Trust (18-9) 19-7 1/2

JUTE SHARES

Barnagore (£9) £9

MINING SHARES

Nandydrug (38 3/4) 39-4 1/2
Burma Corporation (9-1 1/2) 9-4 1/2
Rio Tintos (£13 1/2) £14-3
East Rand Proprietors (51-10 1/2) 51-10 1/2
Rand Mines (£8) £8

MINE SHARES

Crown Mines (£15) £15
Associated Portlands (75-0) 73-9
Trinidad Leaseholds (86-3) 90
Sub Nigel (£9 1/2) £9 1/2
Spring Mines Split Shares (25-7 1/2) 26-3
Union Corporation (£7 3/8) £7 3/8

OIL SHARES

Venezuela Persian (20-7 1/2) 21-10 1/2
Anglo Iranian (70-7 1/2) 71-3
Burma Oil (95-7 1/2) 100
Mexican Eagle (4-0) 4-9
Shell Transport (76-10 1/2) 80
Royal Dutch (£32 3/8) £33 3/4

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

New York, April 1.

To-day's opening rates were as follows:—

U S Steel Common (dol 40 1/4) dol 41 1/2
General Motors (dol 27 5/8) dol 26 5/8
Anaconda Copper Mining (dol 23 1/8) dol 23 3/8
U S Steel Preference (dol 95 1/2) unquoted.

LIVERPOOL WHEAT

Closing Quotation

Liverpool, April 1.

Liverpool wheat market closed to-day May 80 1/8

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

Giltedged Securities Firm

(SPECIAL CABLE.)

LONDON, April 1.

The Stock Exchange was appreciably brighter following the Rome reports that certain sections of the Anglo-Italian talks were already successful. Hence there was continental and local bear-covering.

Giltedged securities were firm owing to the publication of the budgetary surplus of 28 million sterling.

Industrials benefited on investment demand kaffirs, diamonds and oils met bear-covering Homerails were firm and rubbers recovered.

Foreign exchanges were quiet apart from the decline of the Belga owing to the cessation of recent buying from Amsterdam.

Wall Street opened firm, then was irregular on profit-taking.

SHANMUKHAM BOOSTS COCHIN

But Autocracy To Stay Despite Move For Reforms

ERNAKULAM, April 1.

It is the intention of the Cochin Government to request the Maharaja to promulgate a Comprehensive Constitution Act for the State. The Act under which the Legislative Council is now functioning is an Act, which deals exclusively with powers and responsibilities of the Cochin Legislature, but the new Act, we contemplate, will be a more comprehensive Act, containing provisions for the constitution of the Cochin Government". Declared Sir Shanmukham Chetty, Dewan President of the Cochin Legislature addressing the last meeting of the present Legislature, whose dissolution will be announced in Gazette to-morrow.

Sir Shanmukham said: "Probably ours will be the first Indian State which will have such a comprehensive Constitution Act, at work.

AUTOCRACY TO STAY

"It is our intention if we ultimately decide to join the Federation to claim as far as the administration of our own territory is concerned the supremacy of our law courts. In other words we would claim for the new Cochin High Court that is to come into existence all the powers enjoyed to Courts of the Provinces of British India."

The whole scheme of the Constitution Act will be based on the belief that all powers, both Executive and Judiciary will vest in His Highness and all powers will be derived from the Act promulgated by His Highness and rules framed under various causes of the Act.—A.P.

INDIAN FINANCE ACT IN FORCE

Governor-General Gives Assent

NEW DELHI, April 1.

The Governor-General in Council has given his assent to the Indian Finance Act, 1938, which came into force to-day.

The Act seeks to continue for another year Salt Duty. Income-Tax and postal rates, which were in force during the last year.—United Press

Fresh Turn In Allahabad Trouble

(From Our Correspondent.)

ALLAHABAD, April 1.

A curious incident happened last night after Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru left Allahabad. Pt. Nehru at a public meeting in the evening had exhorted the people to face the situation with courage and determination, but all shops suddenly closed at 8 p.m. as rumour spread in the City that one person had been beaten with a lathi near Colvin Hospital. The man had injuries on his head. He was removed to the Hospital. There was dead silence in the City and although there is no curfew order now, not a bird was seen on the roads or the streets

Another incident of assault occurred earlier in the day when a young boy on cycle was assaulted with a lathi, which fell on the carrier of the cycle. The assailant rushed to catch the boy, who shouted for help. The miscreant escaped. These incidents led to panic again.

New Vice-Chancellor Of Lucknow University

LUCKNOW, April 1.

Sheikh Muhammad Habibullah, M.L.A., was unanimously elected Vice-Chancellor of the Lucknow University at the meeting of the Executive Council of the University held this afternoon. 'vice' Dr. Paranjpye.—United Press.

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Bombay, April 1.

To-day's closing quotations as under:—

BANKS.

Baroda	114/12
Bank of Hindusthan	34/7
Central	31
Imperial Bank F.P.	1550
Imperial Bank P.P.	383/12
India Bank	142/8
Indian Overseas Bank	49
Reserve Bank	115/12
Union Bank	5/14

RAILWAYS.

Ahm. Prantij	921/4
Central Provinces	99
Pachora Jamner	94
Tapti Valley	727/8

TEXTILES.

Ambica	1450
Arun	425
Arvind	1200
Asok	390
B. Dyeing	882/8
Buckingham and Carnatics	202/8
Calico	680
Century	256/4
Central India	243/12
Colaba	166/4
Delhi Cloth and Gen. Mills	300
Elgin	212
Gokak	67/8
Indore	65
Jubilee	208/12
Kohinoor	285
Laxmi Cotton	525
Mysore	105
Marsden	110/10
Morarji	1105
New Great	248/12
Raipur	712/8
Rajnagar	337/5
Simplex	84/5
Swadeshi	219/6
Sajjan	97/8
Vishnu	1310
Madhusudhan	200
Khatau	123/12

ELECTRIC

Ahmedabad Electrics	139/6
Bombay Suburban	160
Bombay Tram.	126/9
Surat	168/12
Ajmer	12/8

MISCELLANEOUS.

Alcock Ashdown	345
Associated Cements	121/8
Belapur	162/8
Bombay Burma New	201/4
Bombay Burma Old	580
Bombay Steam	238/12
Burma Corporation	6/6
Br. B. Petrol	3/6
Dalmia Cement	8/14
Indian Bleaching	142
Industria' Investment Tr.	44/8
Indian Radio Ord.	425
Indian Radio Defd.	527
Indian Copper	2/4
Indian Iron	28
Mysore Sugar	27/8
Port Canning	690
Premier Construction	72
Scindia Steam	19/10
Shivrajpur	50/12
Tata Oil	32
Tata Steel Ordy.	240
Tata Steel Def.	1045

JUTES

Birla Jute	16/4
Howrah	44/2
Hukumchand	7
Kamarhatty	435
Kankanarrah	345
Lawrence	340
Reliance	57

Fluctuations in most Active Shares were as under:—

Tata Ordinary (235) 238 239 236 237/8 240 238 241 239 241 239 240

Tata Deferred (1022/8) 1035 1030 1025 1047/8 1035 1050 1060 1045 1055 1045

Bombay Dyeing (882/8) 890 882/8 877/8 885 887/8 885 882/8

POSITION OF SCHEDULED BANKS

Statement of the position of scheduled Banks as at the close of business on 25th March 1938.

1. Demand Liabilities.—
   (a) In India 121,56,13,000
   (b) In Burma 5,55,66,000
2. Time Liabilities.—
   (a) In India 105,04,76,000
   (b) In Burma 4,83,50,000
3. Cash—
   (i) Currency Notes of the Government of India and Bank Notes—
   (a) In India 5,14,87,000
   (b) In Burma 1,48,000
   (ii) Burma Notes—
   (a) In India 16,000
   (b) In Burma 18,44,000
   (iii) Rupee Coin—
   (a) In India 62,54,000
   (b) In Burma 1,12,000
   (iv) Subsidiary Coin.—
   (a) In India 29,33,000
   (b) In Burma 1,23,000
4. Balances with Reserve Bank 16,74,62,000
5. Advances—
   (a) In India 116,70,22,000
   (b) In Burma 5,56,53,000
6. Bills discounted.—
   (a) In India 6,69,97,000
   (b) In Burma 39,47,000

LONDON SEEDS

London, March 31

Linseed La Plata Hull c.i.f. ton
March sellers £12-2-6
Linseed Calcutta London c.i.f. ton
March nominal £13-8-9
Linseed Bombay London c.i.f. ton
March nominal £14-0-0
Rapeseed Toria Hull Cont c.i.f. ton
March sellers £12-0-0
Castorseed Bombay Hull c.i.f. ton
March sellers £11-17-6

NEW YORK COFFEE

New York, March 31

Fair Rio Coffee No. 7 quality ... 6 1/8

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, March 31

Rupee paper 3 1/2 per cent ... £72 1/2
Indian stock 3 per cent 1948 ..... £77
Indian stock 3 1/2 per cent 1931 or later £90 3/4
Indian stock 4 1/2 per cent 1950/55 ..... £112
Consols 2 1/2 per cent £73 1/2
Conversion Loan 3 1/2 per cent 1961 ..... £100 3/8
War loan 3 1/2 per cent 1952 £101 3/8
Funding loan 4 per cent 1960/90 £111 1/8
Victory Bonds £108 3/8
Chartered Bank of India A and China £11 5/8
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank London reg £87
National Bank of India £39 1/2
P and O Banking Corporation ... £9 5/8

SHIPPING NEWS

ARRIVED.

Bombay, April 1.

T Morrison s.s. Kohinur of 3240 reg tons Capt T B Dunster arrived from Rangoon via Colombo Malabar Coast Ports and Cannanore with rice and general cargo.

N Y Kaisha's s.s. Nagato Maru of 4325 reg tons Capt S Kazima arrived from Bedi Bunder via Karachi with cotton and scrap iron cargo.

L Triestino s.s. Moncalieri of 3533 reg tons Capt M Francisco arrived from Genoa via Italian Ports Port said Suez Massowa and Karachi with general cargo.

B I S N s.s. Bamora of 1870 reg tons Capt J L Durkee arrived from Basrah via Persian Gulf Ports and Karachi with passengers and general cargo

SAILED

D S K s.s. Naples Maru of 4225 reg tons Capt K Kuroda sailed for Karachi with local and same bottom cargo

L Dreyfus s.s. Stavros of 2893 reg tons Capt A Hartofilaces sailed for Port Said for order with local and same bottom cargo.

STEAMERS IN DOCKS

Alexandra Dock

Bombay, April 1.

1 Nagato Maru 4325 Kobe 5-4 N Y K
2 C/Hongkong 6071 Karachi 6-4 K Nixon
3 Mirzapore 4135 Karachi 5-4 M M
4 Kioto 2030 Karachi 3-4 J Finlay
9 Elysia 4211 Karachi 4-4 Anchor Line
14 Stavros 2893 Port Said for Orders 1-4 L Dreyfus
15 Moncalieri 3533 Singapore 2-4 L Triestino
16 Viceroy of India 10027 London 2-4 M M

Victoria Dock

1 Kohinur 3240 NF 2-4 T M
3 Vita 1955 Karachi 2-4 M M
6 Sophie Marie 677 Karachi 1-4 M S N
12/13 Chyebassa 4022 Calcutta 3-4 M M

PRINCE'S DOCK

B Hashemi 298 M Coast 2-4 S Hassum
C/R Pundit 3199 Rangoon 3-4 T Morrison
M El Madina 1628 Jeddah N F Scindia S N

Steamers Expected

FROM LONDON

Strathallan 7-4-38 P and O S N
Strathnaver 14-4-38 P and O S N
Cathay 21-4-38 P and O S N
Carthage 28-4-38 P and O S N
Stratheden 28-4-38 P and O S N

FROM LIVERPOOL

Circassia 8-4-38 Anchor Line
Clan Maciver 4-4-38 J Finlay
City of Barcelona 5-4-38 K Nixon

FROM HAMBURG

Ehrenfels 11-4-38 L Edwards
Kybfels 2-4-38 L Edwards

FROM GOTHENBURG

Canton 5-4-38 L Edwards

FROM NEW YORK

Pres Polk 14-4-38 F F Campbell
City of Birmingham 6-4-38 F F Campbell
Pres. Pierce 28-4-38 F F Campbell
Steel Engineer 2-4-38 M M

FROM TRIESTE

Conte Verde 20-4-38 L Triestino

FROM GENOA

Conte Biancamano 2-5-38 L Triestino

FROM CHINA AND JAPAN

Borneo Maru 11-4-38 O S Kaisha
Conte Ross. 14-4-38 L Triestino
Victoria 28-4-38 L Triestino
Toyama Maru 13-4-38 N Y Kaisha
Kunishima Maru 23-4-38 N Y Kaisha
Taijin Maru 23-4-38 O S Kaisha

FROM BASRA

Barala 7-4-38 M M
Varsova 2-4-38 M M

FROM SYDNEY

Strathmore 9-4-38 P and O S N

FROM DURBAN

Tairea 16-4-38 M M
Karanja 30-4-38 M M

FROM AKYAB

Surada 1-4-38 M M

FROM CALCUTTA

Gambhira 3-4-38 M M
Gambada 5-4-38 M M

FROM BASSEIN

Homefield 6-4-38 M M

FROM RANGOON

Howra 2-4-38 M M
Nagina 3-4-38 M M

FROM KARACHI

Vita 7-4-38 M M
Dalgoma 4-4-38 M M

Sailing Dates

FOR LONDON

Viceroy of India 2-4-38 P and O S N
Strathmore 9-4-38 P and O S N
Strathnaver 16-4-38 P and O S N
Narkunda 23-4-38 P and O S N
Stratheden 30-4-38 P and O S N

FOR LIVERPOOL

Elysia 15-4-38 Anchor Line
City of Simla 4-4-38 K Nixon
Circassia 22-4-38 Anchor Line

FOR NEW YORK

Pres Pierce 29-4-38 F F Campbell
City of Birmingham 8-4-38 F F Campbell
Pres Polk 15-4-38 F F Campbell

FOR TRIESTE

Conte Rosso 14-4-38 L Triestino

FOR SAIGON

Moncalieri 3-4-38 L Triestino

FOR GENOA

Victoria 28-4-38 L Triestino

FOR CHINA AND JAPAN

Nagato Maru 5-4-38 N Y Kaisha
Conte Verde 20-4-38 L Triestino
Naplo Maru 11-4-38 O S Kaisha
Ryuyo Maru 15-4-38 N Y Kaisha
Carthage 28-4-38 P and O S N
Borneo Maru 23-4-38 O S Kaisha
Conte Biancamano 2-5-38 L Triestino

FOR SYDNEY

Strathallan 7-4-38 P and O S N

FOR BASRA

Bamora 6-4-38 M M
Varsova 7-4-38 M M

FOR DURBAN

Kenya 13-4-38 M M
Tairea 27-4-38 M M

FOR JEDDAH

El Madina N F Scindia S N

FOR RANGOON

Pandit 3-4-38 T Morrison

FOR CALCUTTA

Chyebassa 3-4-38 M M

FOR KARACHI

City of Hongkong 6-4-38 K Nixon
Elysia 4-4-38 Anchor Line
Mirzapore 5-4-38 M M
Kioto 3-4-38 J Finlay
Vita 9-4-38 M M
Kybfels 6-4-38 L Edwards

B P I GENERAL LANDING DATES

S S Bhadravati 31-3-38
S S Dayawati 31-3-38

EXPORTS

S S Elysia for Manchester: 125 bales raw cotton A Clayton; 50 dms castor oil Gujarat Oil Mills and Mfg.; 175 bales cotton fly L O Vora; 62 bales raw cotton N Rajaram.

For Liverpool: 56 bales wool raw Vijaysingh; 100 bales wool raw C Lister; 100 bales cotton twist waste Champaklal; 80 bales woollen rag Overseas Cotton Waste; 127 bales cotton fly L O Vora; 25 bales cotton fly Champaklal.

For Glasgow: 600 bags gr nut cake H Manilal.

S S City of Hongkong for Antwerp: 100 bales raw cotton P Hirachand; 521 bales raw cotton S Karamshi; 2000 pkts copra oil cake A Oomerbhoy; 275 bales raw cotton N Rajaram; 55 bales raw cotton Swastik E Trading.

For Dunkerk: 62 bags mustard seed G Gokalchand; 48 bales cotton waste clean C Jairam; 110 bales raw cotton G K Kaisha

For Liverpool: 20 bales raw cotton F Janmahomed.

For Ghent: 55 bales raw cotton Swastika G Trading.

For Glassgow: 50 dms castor oil Swastik Oil Mills; 26 dms gr nut oil Swastik Oil Mills.

S S Viceroy of India for London: 11 bale, goat skins tanned K Lalbhai; 1186 bags linseed M Bhuta; 62 bags gr nut kernel M Bhuta; 12 cases bristles B Phillips and Hayley; 181 cases rubber canvas shoes Omnipal (India).

For Beyrouth: 10 bales cotton grey yarn A H Diab.

For Alexandretta: 70 bales cotton grey yarn A H Diab.

For Tripoli: 18 bales cotton grey yarn A H Diab.

S S Mirzapore for Osaka: 500 bales raw cotton K Devchand.

S S Nagato Maru for Dairen: 200 bales raw cotton T M Kaisha.

For Osaka: 35 bales raw cotton Cotton Agents.

For Kobe: 495 bales raw cotton R B C Ramaswami; 100 bales raw cotton G K Kaisha.

IMPORTS.

S S Pandit Agent T Morrison from Calcutta: 4092 tons coal; 672 bags boiled rice; 75 bales b twills; 111 csks printed tinned sheets; 491 bags gunny bags; 110 bales h cloth; 450 pcs c i pipes; 3387 pcs c i fittings.

From Vizagapatam: 800 bags nigar seeds.

From Coconada: 191 cases soap.

S S Begum Agent T Morrison from Ponani: 1390 bags cocoanuts; 51 bdls coir fibre.

From Calicut: 350 bags cocoanuts; 286 chests tea.

From Rangoon: 18349 bags rice.

From Port Blair: 2509 bags match splints.

From Bomington: 125 pcs dhup logs.

From Cochin: 139 kollis hook shells.

S S City of Khios Agent F F Campbell from New York: 85 cases medicines; 200 bdls glucose; 2499 bags starch 58 cases radio 135 bdls rubber tyres; 124 frails exhausted cloves; 77 cases auto parts; 1200 bales old news papers; 50 pcs auto rims; 32 dms dyestuff 64 cases air conditionary machy and ace; 34 cases cotton fents; 36 cases elect refregerators; 40 pkgs corn flake; 100 sacks water proofing compound.

From St. John: 65 dms carbide of calcium; 120 lse springs; 239 cases auto parts.

From Alexandria: 231 bales cotton.

From Aden: 110 bags cloves.

S S Bankura Agent M Mackenzie from Calcutta: 1700 bags sugar; 139 bdls c iron pans.

From Madras: 1314 pcs brony metal scrap; 80 bales raw cotton; 42 cases cotton piece goods.

From Colombo: 1338 bags copra; 217 dms liquid chlorine; 141 pipes tallow; 51 bales wool.

Sugar Production And Stocks

On the basis of returns received under Sugar Production Rules, 1935, the Director, Imperial Institute of Sugar Technology, Cawnpore, reports the following figures for Sugar Production and Stocks in respect of Central Sugar Factories in India for the fortnight ending 28th February 1938:—

	Mds
1. Opening Stock (at factories))	74,06,036
2. Production of Sugar (for the fortnight)	20,90,794
3. Despatches of Sugar (for the fortnight)	7,36,874
4. Closing Stock (at factories)	87,59,956

Note:—(a) The detailed figures are being published in the Indian Trade Journal

(b) These figures relate to 84 out of 145 factories, representing 62 per cent. of the total cane crushing capacity.

LONDON EXCHANGES

London, March 31

T T London on:—

New York	4.96.56
Paris	162.06
Berlin	12.36 5/8
Madrid	80.00
Montreal	5.00
Amsterdam	8.96 7/8
Brussels	29.38
Milan	94.34
Berne	21.65 5/8
Prague	142.12

Produce Receipts

Bombay, April 1.

Wheat	13,044 Cwts.
Linseed	21,052 Cwts.
Rape, Rai and Mustardseeds	2,624 Cwts.
Gingellyseed	1,042 Cwts.
Poppyseed	62 Cwts.
Groundnuts	14,383 Cwts.
Castorseed	948 Cwts.
Rice	44,473 Cwts.
Myrabollams	4,022 Cwts.
Cottonseed	3,862 Cwts.
Gram	2,353 Cwts.
Joowar	1,563 Cwts.
Barley	911 Cwts.
Bajree	1,247 Cwts.
Indian Sugar	12,569 Cwts.

Japan Buying April Shipment In New York

SOUTHERN HEDGE SELLING NEGLIGIBLE

Liverpool Operators Buy Distant Months Causing Scarcity Of Contracts

BOMBAY, April 1.

The bright upturn on the New York Cotton Exchange was due largely to overnight trade and foreign buying orders with encouragement derived from higher Liverpool Cables, Japan was, according to reports buying moderately for April shipment.

Liverpool was reported buying distant months which resulted in scarcity of offerings.

The New York cotton market opened steady with moderately active trading. Prices advanced on higher Liverpool Cables and higher Stock market but reached when Stocks weakend and local and New Orleans selling appeared. Trade was the best buyer while Liverpool sold on early advance. Southern hedge selling was very light. Conditions generally remained unchanged with spot cotton and textiles dull. Finally short covering rallied prices sharply with scarcity of contracts.

The market was quoted 5 points up at the opening with May 8-60 and under improved buying a further rise of 5 points was recorded with May 8.65, which was the highest level. Later prices declined 15 points from the highest level and May was quoted 8.50 which was the lowest level for the day. In this level short covering appeared and the market closed at a net rise of 8 to 15 points. Spot cotton prices advanced 8 points at 8.69c. per lb.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET

The New Orleans cotton futures market was fairly steady and closed at a rise of 4 to 7 points. Spot cotton prices closed unchanged at 8.78c. per lb.

LIVERPOOL MARKET

The Liverpool cotton futures market opened at a rise of 2 points with May 4.76. The market was steady on better Eastern advices which induced local support. speculative incentive was lacking. Straddle buying against New York was the principle feature otherwise business was confined to locals. The market closed at a rise of 2 to 4 points. Middling American spot cotton prices advanced 5 points at 4.91d. per lb.

EGYPTIAN COTTON

Egyptian cotton futures market was steady. Giza futures advanced 3 to 7 points and Uppers closed 1 to 4 points up.

The Alexandria market was also steady with a slightly better enquiry. Sakels futures gained 10 to 11 points and Ashmouni contracts advanced 7 to 10 points.

Messrs. E. J. Schwabach and Co., state:—

Prices held steady until last Friday when the market broke sharply on the Polish-Lithuanian crisis, but values recovered most of the loss the next day on news of a settlement.

The result of the farmers' referendum showed a 92.5 per cent. vote in favour of the Government acreage programme restricting acreage to 29,300,000 acres, calculated to produce from ten to eleven million bales under average conditions. This heavy curtailment will tend to result in an earlier average planting date than usual given average weather conditions. So far crop work is reported to be progressing normally but weather news and sales of fertilizers will become of increasing importance from now onwards. The official February consumption figure issued by the U. S. Census Bureau was given at 428,000 bales as against 434,730 in January but owing to the shorter month the figure was not so poor, the daily rate working out at 21,700 bales against 20,701 bales the previous month.

MILL ACTIVITY

Mill activity continues poor throughout the world and it is reported from wholesale goods quarters in America that the present volume of business is the smallest of the season. It is also rumoured that some mills running three days a week may close entirely unless conditions improve materially. Output curtailment is expected to continue for some time, which would foreshadow an unfavourable consumption total for the current season. The loan stock is now 5,112,000 bales, a gain of 28,000 bales, bringing the total amount of cotton in Government hands to 6,782,000 bales.

STATISTICAL OUTLOOK

With regard to the supply and demand, the market is inclined to view the situation optimistically in view of the loan and the smaller acreage and it becomes increasingly clear that a temporary state of scarcity will be created as the following figures in round numbers will show:—

	Bales (500 lbs.)
Carryover August 1937	6,200,000
Crop 1937/1938	18,400,000
	24,600,000
Consumption August/February	7,000,000
	17,600,000
Withdrawn from market until July 1939 under terms of the New Farm Bill (Estimated)	7,000,000
	10,600,000
Reserved for consumption March/Jul. incl.	5,000,000
Free carryover Aug. 1st 1938	5,600,000

With a tight situation developing and crop scares ahead, we are still of the opinion that contracts should be accumulated on all recessions.

PRIVATE CABLES—

New York May highest (10-18 a.m.)	8.65+10
New York May lowest (1-36 p.m.)	8.50—05
Liverpool May highest	4.81+05
Liverpool May lowest	4.77+01

Messrs Chunilal Mehta and Co Ltd. have received to-day the following cable information from their foreign friends:

New York: Advance reflects underlying strength.

Bullish stimulating effect lacking. Market is in a position to quickly respond to bullish news.

Liverpool good buyers distant months. Distinct absence of hedge selling continuing. Scarcity of contracts. Consider action good in face weakness other markets.

Messrs. Bishwambharlal Maheshwari have received to-day the following cable information from their foreign friends:—

Liverpool: Strongly advocate early liquidation May futures anticipate widening May into October throughout April with fear tenders damp cotton during May and poor trade outlook merchants will avoid receiving dockets.

New York: Market rallied on short covering and scarcity of contracts trade buying.

Selling on weakness Securities strengthened market technically Southern hedge selling negligible scarcity contracts frequently develops continue favour long position.

See-saw market rallied on short covering no new features.

NEW YORK COTTON
New York, March 31

May	8.63+08
July	8.69+09
October	8.71+09
December	8.72+09
January	8.73+08
March	8.83+15
Middling Spot	8.69+08

NEW ORLEANS COTTON
New York, March 31

May	8.73+06
July	8.75+04
October	8.82+07
Middling Spot	8.78

NEW YORK
New York, March 31

11-00 A.M. RANGES	
May	8.62/8.62
July	8.67/8.67
October	8.73/8.73
NOON CALL	
May	8.57
July	8.63
October	8.68

NEW YORK COTTON DAILY STATISTICS
New York, March 31

Day's receipts at all U S Ports	2,000 bales
Day's exports to Great Britain	1,000 bales
Day's exports to the Continent	8,000 bales.
Day's exports to China and Japan	3,000 bales

LIVERPOOL COTTON
Liverpool, March 31

April	4.74+02
May	4.78+02
June	4.82+02
July	4.87+03
August	4.90+03
September	4.93+03
October	4.96+03
November	4.97+03
December	4.99+03
January	5.01+03
February	5.03+04
March	5.05+04
Middling Spot	4.91+05
10-12 a.m. quotations	
May	4.78
October	4.95

Alexandria Cotton

Alexandria, March 31

SAKELS—	
May	13.15+10
July	13.30+10
November	13.70+11
ASHMOUNI—	
April	10.18+07
June	10.18+10
GIZA—	
May	12.40+12
July	12.49+10
November	12.65+08

Osaka Sampin

Osaka, March 31

April	231.00
June	218.50
July	210.50—240
August	214.10
October	215.90

FAILURE OF FIRM AFFECTS RUBBER

Bombay, April 1

Yesterday London Rubber market opened weak on reports of the failure of a big Japanese firm at Singapur. Later on the market recovered partially on short covering. April June 5 5/16d.

YARN EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS

Bombay, April 1.

Yarn No. 6 1/2—			
April	111	0	0
Yarn No. 10 1/2s.—			
April	127	0	0
June	126	0	0
August	125	0	0
Yarn No. 20 1/2s.—			
April	167	0	0
June	166	0	0
August	165	0	0

BOMBAY COTTON

Bombay, April 1.

Following a rise of 8 points in New York cotton futures, the local market opened at Rs. 167/8 for Broach J/A delivery but in the absence of any support prices declined on general selling to Rs. 166/12. The market was steady at this level and pending trading in New Crop months the market looks like fluctuating within a narrow range.

Liverpool market opened unchanged and later on was one point up. The local market was steady and closed at 5 p.m. as under:—

F. G. M. G.—			
Broach A/M	163	8	0
Broach J/A	166	14	0
Fine M G—			
Oomra May	147	6	0
Oomra July	149	8	0
F. G. M. G.—			
Bengal May	126	8	0
Bengal July	128	0	0

Cotton Room Rates

Bombay, April 1.

	Extra Spr-fine	Sup	Fine	FG	Good
M. G.—					
Bengal U.P.	...	133	130	127	124
Punjab	...	133	130	127	124
Rajputana	...	133	130	127	124
Oomra No. 3	154	151	148	145	...
C. P. No. 1	166	163	160	157	...
C. P. No. 2	159	156	153	150	...
Broach No. 2	...	168	166	164	162
Punjab-Ame.	...	189	186	183	180
Surat	...	222	219	216	213
Rajpipla	...	212	209	206	203

Ready Cotton Quotations

Bombay, April 1.

Bengal Superfine	134/36
Bengal Fine	130/32
Bengal F.G.	127/28
C. P. 1	157/62
C. P. 2	152/53
Arvi	154/55
Amraoti	147/49
Ellichpur	154/55
Berar	149/51
Khandesh	139/43
Jalna/Sailu	139/43
Burwah/Sanavad	151/53
Khandwa	151/53
Harda/Khirkiya	153/55
Mathia	127/32
Malkapur	145/47
Broach	166/68
Punjab 4 F.	181/84
Punjab 289F.	214/19
Sindh 4F.	174/79
Sindh N.T.	199/204
Kampala	286/87
Jinja	270/71
Jagadia/Ankleshwar	209/11

Indian Cotton Figures

Bombay, April 1.

RECEIPTS INTO BOMBAY.
Since 1st September.
In full-pressed Bales.—

	Yester-day	This year	Last year.
Khandesh	47	46,735	198,945
Central India	155	36,379	307,676
Barsi and Nagar	92	126,947	153,400
Hyderabad-Gaorani		36,660	85,161
Berar	636	270,123	514,525
Central Provinces	90	59,432	105,918
Total Oomras	1,020	576,276	1,365,626
Dholera	75	52,151	54,672
N.-W. Provinces	97	2,655	8,007
Rajputana	227	12,460	68,649
Sind-Punjab	3,049	456,942	279,877
Broach	5,433	91,290	213,416
Coompta and Dharwar	366	12,388	14,592
Westerns-Northerns	34	9,758	19,827
Cocoanada		12	124
Tinnevelly and Cambodia	19	1,437	3,611
American		153,430	6,901
Egyptian, African and Sudan	3,921	284,365	209,575
Comilla, Burma and other sorts		1,170	29
Total	14,241	1,654,514	2,244,906

Exports From Bombay

1st Sept. to 24th March.
In full-pressed Bales.—

	Yester-day	This year	Last year.
Europe	2,062	178,158	289,838
Japan and China	2,989	375,285	937,856
Coast Ports		41,209	13,993
Up-country by Rail		231,553	168,010
Afloat in harbour for Europe China and Japan		15,077	37,723
Total		5,051	841,282 1,447,420

HIGH AND LOW COTTON PRICES

Bombay, March 31

Broach A/M 1938 opening 162 1/2 highest 163 7/8 lowest 162 1/2 closing 163 5/8

Broach J/A opening 165 3/4 highest 167 1/4 lowest 165 3/4 closing 167

Oomra May opening 146 1/2 highest 147 1/4 lowest 146 1/2 closing 147 1/4

Oomra July opening 148 3/8 highest 149 1/4 lowest 148 3/4 closing 149 1/8

Bengal May opening 126 1/2 highest 127 1/4 lowest 126 1/2 closing 126 1/4

Bengal July opening 127 3/4 highest 128 3/4 lowest 127 3/4 closing 128

Tejimandi for Broach July August (21-4-38) Rs. 5 3/8

Tejimandi for Broach July August (24-6-38) Rs. 11 5/8

Egyptian Cotton

Liverpool, March 31

GIZA—	
Spot	7.08—1
May	6.64+9
July	6.74+9
October	6.83+7
November	6.83+7
January 1939	6.87+7
March	6.92
UPPERS—	
Spot	5.94+8
May	5.81+1
July	5.87+2
October	5.94+3
November	5.94+3
January 1939	5.99+4
March	6.04

Cotton Arrivals

	Bales.
Receipts into Bombay on 30th March	21,175
Receipts into Bombay to date since 1-9-1937	1,640,273
Receipts into Bombay same time last season	2,221,180
Decrease	680,907

GOLD & SILVER

Bombay, April 1

Yesterday London gold prices advanced 1 1/2d. to £7-0-0 1/2. London Paris Exchange rate declined 106 points at 162.06. Dollar sterling cross rate was 4.96 5/16. London silver prices advanced 7/16d. to 18 13/16d. for Spot. India bought. Speculators bought and sold. Offerings were small. Later on the market was very steady. India bought at 1/16 over after which there were further buyers but sellers asked 1/8 over. New York silver was unchanged at 42 3/4 and Montreal futures advanced 280 points. Shanghai T T on London was quoted 1/- 1/2. The local market was fairly steady. Silver prices seem to have stabilised now but gold was firm with improved demand.

GOLD

Ready	35	0	0
Chaitra delivery	34	15	3
Chaitra Tejimandi	0	2	6
Vaishakh delivery	34	13	6
Vaishakh tejimandi	0	4	6

SILVER

Ready	48	13	0
Chaitra delivery	48	14	0
Chaitra tejimandi	1	6	0
Vaishakh delivery	48	15	0
Vaishakh tejimandi	2	0	0

LONDON SILVER
London, March 31

Spot	18 13/16
Forward	18 9/16

LONDON GOLD
London, March 31

Gold Bars Fine per oz	£7-0-0 1/2

Montreal Silver

Montreal, March 31

April	41.10+105
May	42.80+280
June	42.80+280

New York Silver

New York, March 31

Spot silver prices remained unchanged at 42 3/4 cents.

LONDON METALS

London, March 31

Copper	£38 5 0
Lead	£15 13 9
Spelter	£13 15 0
Tin	£170 0 0

Bombay Metals

Bombay, April 1.

London Market—	
Standard copper cash (buyers)	£38-2-6
Standard copper 3 months	£38-7-6
Electrolytic copper	£42-15-0
Bombay Market.—	
Yellow metal sheets	Rs. 38-8-0
Copper sheets	Rs. 43-4-0
Tone:—Steady.	

Groundnuts Coromandel Shelled

London, March 31.

April	£9-17-6.
May	£8-18-9.

GROUNDNUTS & SEEDS

Bombay, April 1.

Groundnuts May—			
Opening	27	7	0
Highest	27	8	3
Lowest	27	1	6
Closing	27	1	9
Castorseeds May—			
Opening	31	15	0
Highest	32	1	0
Lowest	31	10	6
Closing	31	11	0
Cottonseeds May—			
Opening	18	1	6
Highest	18	2	0
Lowest	17	15	0
Closing	17	15	6

Liverpool Wheat

Liverpool, March 31.

May	79 1/2d.
July	79 1/2d.
October	78 1/2d

Chicago Wheat

Chicago, March 31.

May	dol 0.85 3/8.
July	dol 0.81 1/4.
September	dol 0.81 7/8.

LONDON SUGAR

London, March 31

May	sh. 5

Bombay Sugar

Bombay, April 1.

Ready Javas Rs. 15-2.
Shipment April-June Rs. 4-15-6.
Shipment July-Sept. Rs. 4-15-6.
Shipment Oct.-Dec Rs. 4-15-6.
Kesar Rs. 12-5.
Saraya Rs. 11-13.
Java Spot F. 7.00.

New York Sugar

New York, March 31.

July	2.16
September	2.18
January	2.17

Cotton Straddles

APPROXIMATE DIFFERENCES

New York Liverpool: May 127 July 140 October 156 December 161 January 164 at cross rate 4.96 5/16

Bombay Liverpool: Broach A/M 1938 164/8 Liverpool May 1938 4.79 Rs. 44 3/4 at exchange 1/6

Bombay Liverpool: Broach J/A 1938 167/10 Liverpool July 4.88 Rs. 45 1/2 at exchange 1/6

Bombay New York: Broach A/M 1938 164/8 New York May 8.63 Rs. 29 at cross rate 4.96 5/16

Bombay New York: Broach J/A 1938 167/10 New York July 8.68 Rs. 27 at cross rate 4.96 5/16

LONDON PRODUCE
London, March 31

Wheat Rozario Santa Fe parcels April May sellers	38
Wheat Barletta Russo parcels April May sellers	38/3
Wheat South Australian parcels April sellers	33/9

GOVT. SECURITIES

Bombay, April 1

2 3/4 per cent 1948/57	100/6
3 per cent 1951/64	102/6
3 per cent 1941	103
3 per cent U P Bonds 9/	
3 1/2 per cent G P N Cash	97/13
3 1/2 per cent 1947/50 Loan	106
4 per cent 1943 Bonds	108
4 per cent 1950/70	113/14
4 1/2 per cent 1955/60	119
5 per cent 1939/44	104
5 per cent 1939/43	107/2
5 1/2 per cent 1938/40 Loan	101/14
TAX FREES	
4 per cent 1953/63	113
5 per cent 1955	122
5 per cent 1945/55	118/4
1/2 per cent 1939 Mysore	101/14

Note: 3 1/2 per cent Government paper opened at Rs. 97/10 and after improving to Rs. 97/12 closed at Rs. 97/11. Tone: Quiet but steady.

MONEY MARKET

Bombay, April 1

B. C. RATES—	
T T D D	1/6 1/16
LONDON	
Bank's selling	T T D D 1/6 3/32
Bank's buying	T T 1/6 5/32
Bank's buying	D D 1/6 5/32
Bank's buying	3 months 1/6 7/32
NEW YORK—	
Bank's selling	T T 268
Bank's buying	T T 265 3/4
PARIS—	
Bank's selling	T T 1,215
Bank's buying	T T 1,245
JAPAN—	
Bank's selling	T T 77 1/2
Bank's buying	T T 77
AMSTERDAM—	
Bank's selling	D D 67 1/4
JAVA—	
Bank's selling	D D 67 1/8
HONGKONG—	
Bank's selling	D D 83 1/4
SHANGHAI—	
Bank's selling	D D 74
SINGAPORE—	
Bank's selling	D D 155 3/4
BERLIN—	
Bank's selling	D D 91 3/4
CROSS RATE—	
New York London	4.96 1/4 31st ultimo
Japan London	1/2 1st instant
Hongkong London	1/2 3/4 1st instant
Shanghai London	1/0 1/2 1st instant
Java London	8.95 5/8 1st instant
London Paris	162.06 31st ultimo
London Belgium	29.38 31st ultimo
London Switzerland	21.65 5/8 31st ultimo
London Berlin	12.36 5/8 31st ultimo
London Stockholm	19.40 1/2 31st ultimo
London New York	4.96.56 31st ultimo
London Amsterdam	8.96 7/8 31st ultimo
London Italy	94.34 31st ultimo
Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Steady	
Gold	£6-19-11 30th ultimo £7-0-0 1/2 31st ultimo
Silver London Ready	18 3/8 30th ultimo
Silver London Ready	18 13/16 31st ultimo
Silver London Forward	18 1/8 30th ultimo
Silver London Forward	18 9/16 31st ultimo
Silver New York Ready	43 30th ultimo
Silver New York Ready	43 31st ultimo
London discounts 3 months	9/16 per cent 30th ultimo
London discounts 3 months	9/16 per cent 31st ultimo
London discounts 6 months	5/8 per cent 30th ultimo
London discounts 6 months	5/8 per cent 31st ultimo
Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent	
Bank of England Rate 2 per cent.	
Money:—	
Call 3/4 per cent.	
3 months 1 1/4 per cent.	
6 months 1 1/4 per cent.	
Tone:—Easy.	

Indian Sterling Loans

London, March 31

Call Loan London		1/2
3 per cent		77
3 1/2 per cent	90	3/4
3 1/2 per cent 1954/59	103	1/2
4 per cent 1948/53	107	3/4
4 1/2 per cent 1950/55		112
4 1/2 per cent 1958/68	115	1/2
5 per cent 1942/47	111	1/2
3 per cent 1948/52		99
2 1/2 per cent British Consols	73	1/2
2 1/2 per cent War Loan	101	3/8
4 per cent Funding Loan 1960/90	111	1/8
Indian Iron and Steel New Ordinary		41/3

WALL-STREET MARKET

New York, March 31

Messrs. Batlivala and Karani have issued the following report showing quotations of the New York Stock Exchange:

	Dollars
Amr Water Work Com	6
Amr Power and Light Com	3 1/4
Amr Power and Light Pfd 5 per cent A	16
Electric Bond Common	5
Consolidated (Gas) Edison	17 1/4
Columbia Gas and Elec	5 1/4
American Tel and Tel	112
Western Union Telg	16 3/4
New York Central Rly	10 1/4
Pennsylvania Rly	14 3/4
United S Rubber	22
Bethlehem Steel 7 per cent Pfd	75
Int Tel and Tel 4 1/2 per cent	75
H Hershey 2 1/2 per cent Pfd	17
Bethelehem Steel	41 1/2
Republic Steel	12
United S Steel	39 1/4
United S Smelting	46 1/2
Anaconda Copper Mining	22 1/2
Int Nickel of Canada	38 1/2
Chrysler Motors	37 1/4
General Motors	25 3/4
Packard Motirs	3
General Electric	27 3/4
Boeing Airplane	21
Curtis Wright	3 1/4
American Radiator	9 1/4
Union Carbide	58
Consolidated Oil	7
Socony Oil	11
National Dairy	12
Chase Bank	24
National City Bank	19 1/2
Sun Life of Canada	375
U S Gypsum	58

Further liquidation after early firmness. Turnover 1250000 shares. Brokers loans down 33 million dollars.

LONDON RUBBER
London, March 31

Smoked Sheets Standard ribbed per lb Sellers 5 5/8

PAY IN—APRIL 11 PAY OUT—APRIL 13

Further Small Improvement In Steel Shares

EVERY RISE MEETS REALISING

Undertone Good But Incentive Lacks

BOMBAY: April 1.

Although the local Market ruled fairly steady with some Professional support and scattered covering, there seems less incentive to follow up the rise and every rise induces long liquidation. Thus the market has a mixed feeling and after the recent erratic movement, the market has settled down within trading limits as anticipated.

WALL-STREET QUIET.

Foreign advices are not encouraging. Yesterday Wall-Street Market made another attempt to harden prices, but general confidence being undermined, the close was easy. U. S. Steel shares lost dollar 1/8, but Anaconda Coppers gained dol. 1/8. But many issues touched new five year low levels.

OUR MARKET INDEPENDENT.

Our Market has an independent working as far as speculative operations are concerned, but industrial outlook has some relation, although our Steel Industry is protected.

AMERICAN SITUATION HOPELESS.

There is something hopelessly wrong with American sentiment. Attempts are being made to explain, but the present decline needs minute study.

INFLATION AND CURRENCY.

At present almost all countries are on a managed currency with inflation policies. There is extensive military expenditure and huge sums are spent on ship-building and air-planes. In spite of these programmes, prices are falling and while it is claimed in some sections that in America capitalists are against administrative activities. Whatever may be the cause behind the present drastic decline in industrial and other shares, why investors are feeling shy to pick up best dividend giving scrips? There is something wrong in the situation which needs clarification.

SPECULATIVE ACTIVITY IN BAZAR.

As far as the local market is concerned, speculative activity of Professionals and Taravaniwalas is mainly responsible for rapid ups and downs in prices. It is a habit of the local market that every share on the forward list irrespective of industry to which it belongs, moves in sympathy with Tata Steel shares. This is due to operations of same Operators, who have a large interest in Steel shares and it pays them to divert the attention of the market.

NARROW MOVEMENT WITH STEADINESS.

The market opened to-day steady and Tata Steel Dfds. after declining to Rs. 1,030 advanced to Rs. 1,065, when realising appeared and later on prices steadied around Rs. 1,050 and Ordinary shares were placed at Rs. 240. Other Sections also show moderate changes. The tone of the market was steady.

TEXTILE SHARES

BOMBAY, April 1.

100 Ahm. Advance (Rs. 9)	403	12
250 BOM DYEING (Rs. 25)	885	0
100 CENTURY (Rs. 6)	257	8
100 CEN. INDIA (Rs. 4)	XD 167	8
100 COLABA (Rs. 4)	95	0
100 Coorla (Rs. 5)	75	0
250 David	362	8
250 Dawn (Rs. 10)	0-6-3	
1 E.D Sassoon Df. (nil)	139	6
100 Finlay (Rs. 3)	168	2
100 GOKAK (Rs. 4-8)	1720	0
1,000 Hindustan	65	0
100 Indore	122	8
100 Khatau (Rs. 3)	286	4
100 KOHINOOR (Rs. 12)	525	0
250 Laxmi (Rs. 12-8)	35	0
250 Madras United	1,102	8
1,000 Morarji (Rs. 40)	49	4
250 Model	120	0
50 MYSORE (Rs. 2)	251	4
200 NEW GREAT (nil)	42	8
100 Osmanshahi (Re. 1)	253	12
100 Phoenix (Rs 10)	70	0
25 Sassoon Silk (Rs. 2)	1,910	0
1,000 Sholapur (Rs. 30)	85	0
50 SIMPLEX (Rs. 2)	220	10
100 SWADESHI (Rs. 5)	106	4
100 Swan (Rs. 2-8)	1,320	0
500 Vishnu (Rs 30)	820	0
1000 Western (Rs. 40)		

BANKS.

50-100 Baroda (Rs. 2-8)	114	12
25-50 Central (Rs. 12)	XD 31	0
500 Imperial (Rs. 30)	1550	0
125-500 Imp Contry. (Rs. 7-8)	383	12
50-100 India (Rs. 2-8)	142	8
100 Reserve Bank (Rs. 2-8)	116	0
5 Union (As. 4)	5	12

CEMENTS.

100 ASSOCIATED (Rs. 7-8)	121	12

INSURANCE.

100-500 Empire (Rs. 14)	855	0
15-100 Jupiter (As. 12)	13	3
20 Mercantile	55	0
15-75 New India (Rs. 1-4)	37	12
200 Oriental	4350	0
10-50 Vulcan (As. 8)	7	8

ELECTRIC.

100 Ahm. Old (Rs 6-8)	XD 133	12
1000 ANDHRA VALLEY (Rs. 45 plus 30)	XD 1430	0
10 Ajmer (As. 8)	12	10
50 BOM. TRAM. (Rs. 2-6)	126	14
100 B'bay Suburban (Rs 6-8)	165	0
10 Broach (As 5)	10	3
100 Karachi (4)	222	8
100 Poona (4)	206	4
100 Surat (Rs. 3)	170	0
100 TATA HYDRO (Rs. 4-8 plus 3)	146	4
1000 TATA POWER (Rs. 37-8 plus 28) X D	1355	0

RAILWAYS.

500 Ahmedabad Prantej	922	8
100 C. Province	99	4
100 Dh. Baramati	104	1
100 Gujarat	99	0
100 Mandra Bhon	99	0
100 Pachora Jamner	94	2
100 Sara Sirajgunj	100	12
500 Tapti Valley	727	8

MININGS.

9 Burma Corp. (As. 11)	6	5
2sh. Indian Copper (As. 1-6)	2	4

ACTIVE SHARES AT A GLANCE

Bombay, April 1

Bombay Dyeing (881/4) 890 881 891 885
Century (255) 260 255 260 257
Central India (243/12) 247 250 246 250 247 245
Kohinoor (290) X D 282 287 285 286
New Great (248/12) 251 250 251
Simplex (84/6) 85/10 84 85
Swadeshi (216/4) 223 220 223 220/10
Associated Cement (119/8) 120 122/8 121/8 121/12
Andhra (1420) 1430
Tata Hydro (145) 146/4
Tata Power (1345) 1350 1355 1345 1355
Tram Ord (125/14) 126/9 126/14
T Steel Defd (1022/8) 1045 1050 1027 1045 1042 1067 1047 1050
T Steel Ord (236) 239 240 237 243 241 240 241
Tata Steel 2nd pref (172/8) 173
Bellapur (156/4) 158 163 164/6
B Steam (240) 240 239/6
B Burma (580) 587 582 578 587 580 582

10 Indian Iron and Steel (Rs. 1-8)	28	2
10 SHIVRAJPUR (Rs. 2)	51	0
50 TATA STEEL DFD (Rs. 36-3-6)	1050	0
75 TATA STEEL ORDY (Rs. 10)	241	0
MISCELLANEOUS		
100 ALCOCK (Rs. 5)	347	8
50 BELAPUR SUGAR (Rs 5)	164	6
100-250 B'bay Safe Dep (Rs. 13-12)	855	0
250 BOMBAY STEAM (Rs 5)	239	6
125 B. Burma (Rs. 20)	582	8
50 Do Conty. (Rs. 8)	200	0
8sh Br. B. Petrol	3	6
50 BOM TELEPHONE (Rs. 2-8)	XD 90	8
100 I. BLEACHING (Rs. 4)	143	12
50 I. Invest Trust	44	8
100 I. Radio Defd (12)	527	8
10 I. Radio Ord (15)	425	0
1000 Port Canning (Rs. 26)	690	0
50 PREMIER CON (Rs. 2-15)	72	4
15 Scindia	19	9
25 Tata Oil Mill (nil)	32	0
PREFERENCE.		
4 p.c. Andhra Valley	1500	0
6 p.c. Bombay Steam	285	0
7 p.c. B'bay Tram (T. F.)	73	4
5 p.c Central India (T.F.)	552	8
6 1/4 p.c. Prem Const. 1st	107	4
6 1/4 p.c. Prem Const 2nd	98	8
7 p.c Tata Hydro	XD 151	4
7-1/2 p.c. Tata Power	X D 1548	12
6 p.c. Tata Steel 1st	206	4
7½ pc. Tata Steel 2nd	173	0
7 p.c Vishnu	703	12
DEBENTURES		
5½ p.c. Andhra Valley	101	8
6 p.c Andhra Valley	108	12
4 p.c Bom. Telephone	51	12
7 p.c Sholapur	80	4
6 p.c Tata Hydro	109	6

(Latest Dividend in Brackets and capital letters indicate shares on Forward List)

LINSEED OIL

London, March 31

Linseed oil London per cwt naked
April sellers 25/4 1/2
Linseed oil London per cwt naked
May Aug paid 25/4 1/2

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Stage Set For Working Committee Meeting

Issues Of Gravest Moment To Be Considered

C. P. Premier Summoned: Congress-Coalition Cabinet For Bengal?

CALCUTTA: April 1.

With the arrival this morning of Mahatma Gandhi and the last contingent of the Working Committee members, the stage is set for the first meeting of the new Congress Cabinet, which is expected to consider several issues of gravest moment to the Congress movement in the country during the next twelve months.

Dr. N. B. Khare, the Premier of the Central Provinces and Berar, who had been specially invited for the occasion, is also expected to arrive by the time the Working Committee meets this afternoon.

The Committee is likely to take up the consideration of the situation arising out of the resignation tendered by the Muslim Minister of the Central Provinces Cabinet, Mr. Mohamed Shareef, Minister for law.

Shortly after Gandhiji's arrival, a sort of miniature Congress Cabinet meeting was held at "Woodburn Park," the residence of Mr. Sarat Bose.

It is learnt that Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru gave out his views very frankly on the recent communal disturbances at Allahabad, with special reference to observations made by Mahatma Gandhi in the last issue of the "Harijan".

Some significance is attached in political circles here to Mr. Ghanshyam Das Birla's presence at this Conference, in view of the fact that only yesterday afternoon he had a long conversation with Khwaja Sir Nazimuddin, the Home Minister of Bengal and 'de facto' Leader of the Ministerial (Coalition) Party in the Bengal Assembly.

Mahatma Gandhi will be examined by Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy at 11 a.m. to-day.—United Press.

GANDHIJI REACHES CALCUTTA

Subhas Garlands Him At Howrah Station

CALCUTTA, April 1.

Gandhiji accompanied by Mr. Mahadeo Desai and Harekrishna Mahatab arrived here this morning. He was received at the Howrah Station by the Congress President and other leaders.

Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose garlanded Mahatmaji where after the party left for the residence of the Congress President.

Gandhiji is staying, as usual, at the residence of Mr. Sarat Chandra Bose. Maulana Abul Kalam Azad also arrived along with Mahatmaji.—A. P.

Ghaffar Khan And Mrs. Naidu Unable To Attend

CALCUTTA, April 1.

Altogether 12 members of the Working Committee have arrived here, the absentees being Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan (who is unable to attend the meeting) and Mrs. Sarojini Naidu.

Mrs. Naidu has informed Mr. Subhas Bose, Congress President, that as she is still weak after her recent illness, she is advised by doctors not to undertake any strain.—United Press.

COMMUNAL PROBLEM BEFORE CONGRESS CABINET

CALCUTTA, April 1.

The first meeting of the newly-constituted Working Committee of the Congress which is going to be held here to-day and the following days will have a very important agenda to go through. Items of the most outstanding importance which are likely to loom large in the deliberations of the Committee will include, among others,

(1) exploration of ways and means of bringing about a settlement of the communal problem—an issue which has been pushed into the forefront on account of recent unfortunate disturbances in the Punjab, the United Provinces and the Central Provinces.

(2) taking steps for ensuring the maintenance of an atmosphere of non-violence through the activities of Congress and other allied organisations and also through speeches of Congress workers all over the country, in view of a tendency noticeable of late which has given rise to some misapprehension in this respect; and (3) devising ways and means for extending the influence of the Congress over the administration in the four provinces where Congress Ministries are not yet functioning.—United Press.

Shareef To Remain Minister

But Redistribution Of Portfolios Expected

CALCUTTA, April 1.

The Working Committee commenced its sitting at 2 p.m. under the presidency of Mr. Subhas Bose at Elgin Road, the residence of the Congress President.

Mr. Subhas Bose initiated the proceedings of the meeting with a speech surveying the political situation in the country which has developed since the Haripura Session of the Congress.

With regard to the situation arising out of the resignation tendered by Mr. Muhammud Shareef, Law Minister, Central Provinces Government, it is gathered that in view of the representation submitted to the Working Committee by Dr. N. B. Khare, while forwarding Mr. Shareef's resignation, the Committee would be disposed to condone the "irregular" procedure which he had adopted in releasing an accused in what is known as the Wardha Rape Case. It is, however, gathered that the Committee would suggest redistribution of portfolios in the case of the C. P. Ministers.—United Press.

SINGING OF "VANDE MATARAM"

Postponed In Deference To Muslims' Wishes

AHMEDABAD, March 31.

In deference to the wishes of Muslims, the School Board of the Ahmedabad District Local Board, at its meeting held last night, resolved to postpone the action on its previous resolution, making the singing of "Vande Mataram" compulsory in schools.

It will be recalled the Board had before it a motion by a Muslim member permitting Muslim boys in Board schools to leave the classes at the time of the singing of 'Vande Mataram'. The President pointed out that they could wait till a common national song, acceptable to all communities, was adopted.—United Press.

Sir Mahomed Zafarullah Khan leaving s. s. "Viceroy of India" on Thursday.

Mr. H. S. Mallik, Trade Commissioner for New York, was entertained at a luncheon party at the Taj on Thursday by Mr. Madhavlal Bhatt.

Several Killed In Tribal Fight

Dispute Due To Claim Over Forest Area

KOHAT, March 31.

Several persons were killed while many sustained injuries as the result of a miniature battle between two clans—the Ali Khel and Khudaid Khel—at Terkhaper, a few miles off Parachinar, over the boundaries of their lands.

According to information received here it appears that firing was resorted to by both parties continuously for several hours culminating in a large number of casualties.

The disputed area is reported to abound in forest and both the clans claim it for themselves. They have built regular morchas and are determined to fight out the issue.—A.P.

NO IMMEDIATE SEPARATION OF ANDHRA

But Madras Council Accepts Linguistic Basis

MADRAS, March 31.

The Madras Council accepted to-day a Congress resolution for the formation of Provinces on linguistic basis.

Sir K. V. Reddy's amendment that as a first step towards such formation the Andhra Province be constituted immediately was negatived.

The main resolution was carried whereafter the Council was prorogued.—A. P.

Over 100 Sikus Arrested

SHEIKHUPURA, April 1.

Over one hundred Mazhabi Sikhs have been arrested so far in the Satyagraha at the Janamashtha Gurdewara in Nankana Sahib.—A. P.

MACE FOR COUNCIL OF STATE

Darbhanga's Gift Accepted

Following is the letter from the Maharaja Dhiraja of Darbanga to the President:—

"Apropos to the talk we had, I write this brief note to inform that I shall be delighted to present a mace to the Council of State as a token of my high regard for the House and its first non-official distinguished president. I hope you will do me the honour of accepting my gift."

VICEROY'S PERMISSION.

Consequently Sir Maneckji addressed the private secretary to the Viceroy for obtaining the permission of the Viceroy and the following reply was received from him:—

"My dear Sir Manekji, H. E. has read with great pleasure your letter of 24th March in which you inform me of the generous decision of the Hon. Maharaja Dhiraja of Darbanga to present a mace to the Council of State. He has great pleasure in according the permission for which you ask to be allowed to accept this mace on behalf of the Council."

The President said when the mace was ready he would fix a date and arrange for a suitable ceremony for its presentation to the Council.

It is expected that the mace will be presented in the Simla Session of the Council Of State.—A. P.

DHRANGADHRA AFFAIRS AFTER DEWAN'S RETIREMENT

Monopoly To "M. V. D. & Co.," For Ginning, Pressing And Electricity

(From Our Correspondent.)

DHRANGADHRA, (By Mail).

After the retirement of Sjt Devshanker Dave from the office of Dewan, Dhrangadhra State's situation is growing from bad to worse. Salaries for the past three months have been unpaid.

In the name of three Princes a Company, under the name and style of "M. V. D. and Co." has been started with Mr. Durgaprasad Malaviya, as Manager. The monopoly of ginning, pressing and electricity has been given to this Company by the State.

Owing to the Dewan's post remaining vacant there is nobody responsible to whom the subjects may approach in connection with getting their grievances presented.

D. A. COLLEGE STUDENTS LAY PROSTRATE TO BLOCK ENTRY

Demand For Change Of Principal Takes Novel Form Of Picketing

LAHORE: April 1.

An unprecedented form of picketing has been resorted to by the students of the Dayanand Ayurvedic College, who have been on strike for the last six months, demanding a change of the Principal.

The institution which has been closed for three months on account of the strike was to reopen to-day. The College authorities having announced that those who undertook to take part in further agitation would be readmitted.

In order to prevent the students from entering the College premises, the students are blocking all the entrances to the College by laying themselves prostrate on the ground and not leaving even an inch of ground uncovered, so that any one determined to enter the College must walk on their bodies.

An adjournment motion in the Assembly this morning was proposed, but it has been decided to await developments.—A.P.

62 HOUSES AND 100 HUTS BURNT

Cattle Roasted Alive: 300 Rendered Homeless

BAREILY, March 30.

Outbreak of serious fires is being reported from several districts of the province.

Injury from fire to one girl and burning down of 62 houses is reported from Sekhdshi village in Baharach district.

Twelve heads of cattle were roasted in the fire while nearly 300 persons have been rendered homeless. Relief work has been started by Congress workers.

Nearly 100 huts were razed to the ground and property destroyed in Nathuram Moholla at Kasganj during the day says another message. The huts mostly belonged to Depressed Classes, who have been rendered destitute.—A.P.

BERAR-C. P. DISPUTE

Ministers To Place Case Before Congress Cabinet

NAGPUR, March 31.

In response to the invitation to be present for consultation during the sitting of the Congress Working Committee commencing on April 2 the Premier Dr. Khare is leaving Nagpur on the morning of April 2, reaching Calcutta the next morning.

BERAR—C. P. DISPUTE.

The Associated Press reliably understands that the question of allocation of share of Provincial revenues to Berar and Central Provinces will also be discussed by the Working Committee and an effort will be made to arrive at an amicable settlement of this dispute. The Sim formula recommended the distribution of the divisible expenditure and revenues of 60/40 basis for C. P. and Berar respectively, but Beraris have always complained that the expenditure in Berar is not in proportion to the allotment.

Pandit R. S. Shukla and Mr. R. M. Deshmukh, Ministers, are proceeding to-morrow to Calcutta in order to place before the Working Committee the case on behalf of the C. P. and Berar respectively. It is expected Mr. M. S. Aney will also be consulted by the Working Committee before settling this long standing dispute.

COMPLAIN IN ASSEMBLY.

It is recalled that Congress and non-Congress members recently complained in the C. P. Assembly during discussion on the budget for 1938-39 that Berar's share instead of showing any increase, had fallen to 30 per cent., which was far short of ratio laid down in the Sim formula, and asked the Ministry to ensure that a fair share of the revenues of the Province was expended in the interests of the people of Berar.—A.P.

Edgar Wallace's Detective Story Day By Day

INSPECTOR WADE — *THE INVESTORS*

AT THE WATER'S EDGE, TWO POLICE-MEN GUARD THE BOAT---
IT AIN'T SAFE OUT IN THAT BOAT--SHE'S DRAGGIN' HER ANCHOR---
LOOK AT THOSE TWO RUNNING! WE BETTER GO DOWN THERE!
HEY, WHAT'S GOIN' ON?
WHO--- UGH!
AND THIS TAKES CARE OF YOU!
SMOKE! THEY SET FIRE TO THE HOUSE--AND WE ARE LOCKED IN!
STAND BACK! I'LL TRY TO SHOOT THE DOOR OPEN!
LYMAN ANDERSON

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